

## CAREER PROFILES

### Security Guards and Related Security Service Occupations:

**Security Guards and related security service occupations** implement security measures to protect property against theft, vandalism, and fire, control access to establishments, maintain order and enforce regulations at public events and within establishments, conduct private investigations for clients or employers, and provide other protective services not elsewhere classified.

### Wage/Salary Information:

\$28,050 is the median annual salary found in local job-postings.

\$15.24/hour is the median wage reported locally.

### Commonly Listed Skills in Job Postings:

- Oral and written communication
- Customer service oriented
- Detail oriented
- Microsoft Office
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Computer use
- Conflict resolution
- Interpersonal
- Management
- Self-motivated
- Organizational skills
- Bilingual
- Work independently
- Critical thinking
- Time management
- Adaptability
- Multitasking

### Job Duties:

Security Guards control access to establishments, operate security control-room equipment and patrol assigned areas to guard against theft, vandalism, and fire. They enforce regulations to maintain order and resolve conflicts and to monitor establishment activities and ensure safety and emergency procedures are followed. Security Guards also issue passes and direct

visitors to appropriate areas, check age identification of patrons, and perform security checks of passengers and luggage at airports.

Armoured Car Guards drive and guard armoured trucks, pick-up and deliver cash and valuables to banks, automated teller machines, and retail establishments.

Corporate Security Officers investigate unlawful acts of employees or patrons of establishments. They also recommend security systems such as electronic detection devices and access devices.

Private Investigators conduct investigations to locate missing persons and obtain information for use in civil and criminal litigation matters or for other purposes. They may also conduct polygraph tests (integrity surveys) for clients.

Retail Loss Prevention Officers prevent and detect shoplifting and theft in retail establishments.

### Working Conditions:

The majority of security guards work full time 40 hours per week, however, some workers are only employed part of the year since many job opportunities are seasonal.

Many of the facilities that Security Guards monitor require supervision 24 hours a day year round so workers are often required to work shifts that include evenings, nights, weekends and holidays.

Security Guards who watch site activity via security cameras spend a large portion of their day looking at monitors, which may result in eye strain and cause fatigue.

These workers may have to travel when monitoring multiple or large sites, guarding items in transit or working in the transportation industry.

Security Guards take leadership roles in emergency situations and may have to handle hostile people, which can sometimes make for a stressful work environment.

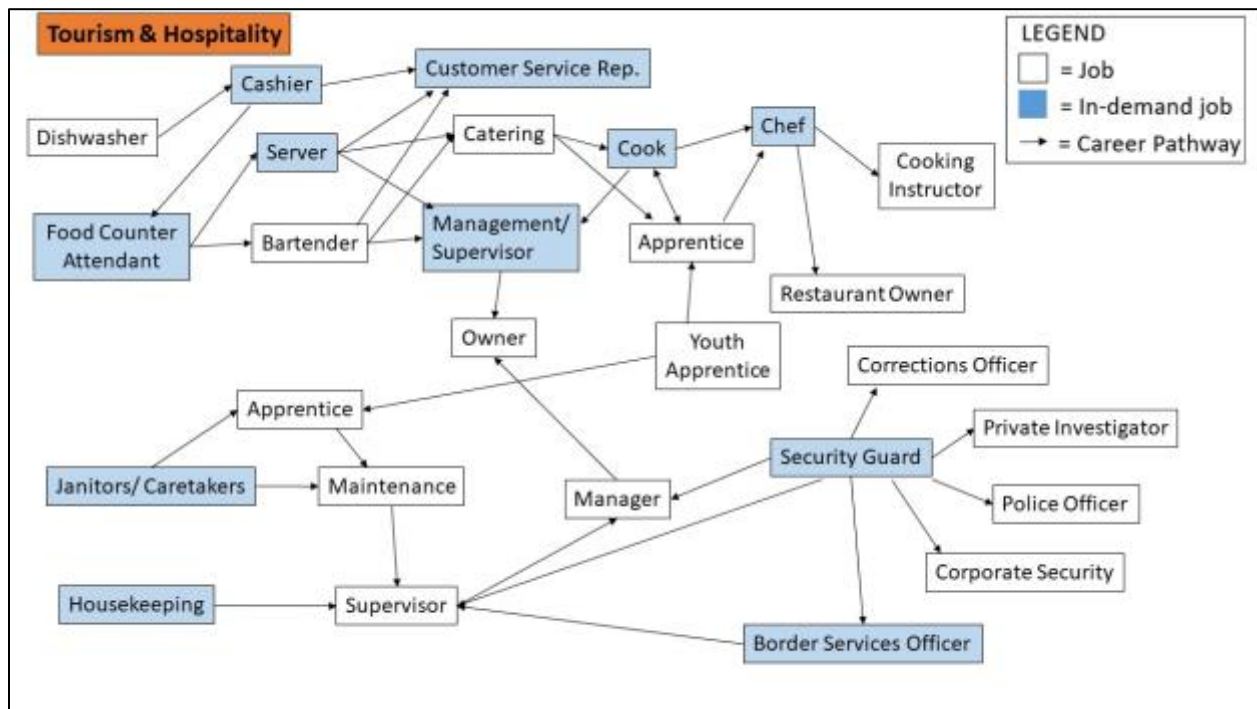
### Career Pathways:

Security Guards with a lot of experience may move into supervisory positions in the occupation or into corporate security management. Supervisory courses are offered to those who want to advance their career. With additional training and education, Security Guards may move into law enforcement careers. For example, they may become Police Officers, Corrections Officers or Sheriffs. Commissionaires have an established system for moving up, with four levels of supervisor positions and three levels of management positions they can compete for.

Security Guards and related security service occupations are employed by public or private security agencies, residential complexes, educational, cultural, financial and health institutions, retail establishments, businesses and industry, investigation service companies, transportation facilities, and organizations throughout the private and public sectors, or they

may be self-employed. Below are potential career pathways for Security Guards and related security service occupations:

- Airport Security Guard
- Alarm Investigator
- Armoured Car Guard
- Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) Guard
- Bodyguard
- Commissionaire
- Corporate Security Officer
- Gate Attendant – Security
- House Detective
- Night Guard
- Postal Inspection Officer
- Preboarding Security Guard
- Private Investigator
- Private Security Officer
- Retail Loss Prevention Officer
- Store Detective
- Theft Prevention Officer



**Education and Training Pathways:**

If you're interested in becoming a security guard or related security service occupation, you can acquire training/education locally at any of the following institutions.

[Insight Advantage Inc.:](#)

**Security Guard Training**

**Admission/Eligibility Requirements:** Unknown

**Academic Credential:** Unknown

**Professional Certification:** Program approved through MAESD

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Part-time

**Program Length:**

- 52 hours over 2.5 weeks
- (If candidate already has CPR/First Aid, the program is only 40 hours)

**Program Cycle:** Unknown

**Program Cost:**

- \$300 course fee, plus HST
- \$120 material costs (textbooks)
- \$75, plus HST (exam fee)
- \$75, plus HST (licence fee)

**OSAP Eligible:** Unknown

**Location:** 1821 Provincial Road, Unit 101, Windsor, N8W 5V7

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.insightadvantage.ca/index.html>

[St. Clair College:](#)

**Police Foundations**

**Admission/Eligibility Requirements:**

- Successful completion of two consecutive semesters of the Protection, Security, and Investigation program OR a Protection, Security, and Investigation Diploma, or;
- Mature Student Status

**Academic Credential:** Two Year - Ontario College Diploma

**Professional Certification:** Unknown

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time

**Program Length:** 4 semesters

**Program Cycle:** Unknown

**Program Cost:**

- Year 1 (Protection, Security, and Investigation): \$3,941.61
- Year 2: \$3,804.05
- Total: \$7,745.66 (2017/18)

**OSAP Eligible:** Unknown

**Location:** 2000 Talbot Road West, Windsor, N9A 6S4

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.stclaircollege.ca/programs/postsec/police/>

## **Protection, Security, and Investigation**

**Admission/Eligibility Requirements:**

- OSSD with the majority of courses at the College (C), University (U), University/College (M), or Open (O) level
- Grade 12 English - ENG4U, ENG4C, EAE4U, or EAE4C, or;
- Mature Student Status

**Academic Credential:** Two Year - Ontario College Diploma

**Professional Certification:** Unknown

**Attendance:** In-person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time

**Program Length:** 4 semesters

**Program Cycle:** Unknown

**Program Cost:**

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**OSAP Eligible:** Unknown

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[triOS College:](#)

## **Law & Security Officer**

### **Admission/Eligibility Requirements:**

- High School Graduation Diploma or Mature Student Status
- Passing score on the triOS entrance assessment
- Demonstrated fluency in English (oral and written)
- Current and negative criminal record check

**Academic Credential:** Law & Security Officer Diploma

### **Professional Certification:**

- Optional Firearms Safety Training
- Training requirements for obtaining a security guard license under the Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005 (PSISA)

**Attendance:** In-Person

**Full-time or Part-time:** Full-time

**Program Length:** 34 weeks

**Program Cycle:** Unknown

**Program Cost:** Unknown

**OSAP Eligible:** Unknown

**Location:** 7610 Tecumseh Road East, Windsor, N8T 1E9

For more information on this program, please visit:

<http://www.trios.com/career/?Section=LawandSecurityOfficer>

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