

Let's look at Security Officers

Security Officers make sure large offices, with lots of employees (people who work at the company) and many visitors are safe and secure. That means the outside grounds and car parks, as well as the offices, the people and their valuables (things that are important to them).

A Security Officer's work involves:

- ★ **Overseeing all areas on Closed-circuit Television (CCTV) screens in a central control room**
- ★ **Walking around the building and the whole site, during the day and the night**
- ★ **Dealing with any emergencies**
- ★ **Writing reports if there are any incidents or accidents outside and inside.**

What skills are important for a Security Officer to have?

Well they need to:

- ★ **Be responsible and honest**
- ★ **Be helpful and polite**
- ★ **Be able to use initiative**
- ★ **Make quick decisions**
- ★ **Be prepared to challenge people**
- ★ **Be able to use computers, CCTV, scanners and security tags.**

Security Officers usually wear a uniform and have to be fit and healthy. They often spend a lot of time on their own patrolling or checking CCTV screens, but they still need to be good with people.

Large organisations often train their own Security Officers; some give the work to special security firms who put their employees into the company. Many Security Officers have had experience in the Police, Fire or Prison service or Armed Forces before.



Salaries range from £20,000 for an officer and up to £50,000 for a senior manager. Many security jobs are part time or shift work, and are usually paid by the hour, between £6 - £10.

