

# **Raising Standards and Protecting the Public**

*Pubwatch 2019*

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**Chair of the Security Industry Authority**

Welcome

SIA continues its sponsorship of the National Pubwatch Conference with which we have shared aims

# Who we are

- public body sponsored by the Home Office
- established under the Private Security Industry Act 2001
- covering England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

- regulate certain activities within the private security industry
- public protection
- contribute to the reduction and prevention of crime
- also has a responsibility to support business growth



# What we do



- license individual security operatives
- set and approve standards of conduct and training
- maintain a register of approved providers of security industry services (Approved Contractor Scheme)

The SIA raises standards by working with:

- security operatives
- security businesses
- buyers of security
- law enforcement and other partners
- government
- the public



- businesses – review of the Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) completed in 2018
- individuals – skills and qualifications review, currently ongoing

We are responsible for regulating the private security industry in the UK



“The Security Industry Authority, the body responsible for regulating the industry, stops serious criminals from controlling security companies and from working on doors. Doormen who are punished by the courts can automatically lose their SIA accreditation. And, the increased use of CCTV across Liverpool city centre has put security firms and doormen under increased scrutiny. The result is that the city's security industry is almost unrecognisable from the way it operated in the 1990s.”

*Liverpool Echo, 3 February 2019*

## Key areas:

- counter-terrorism awareness
- reducing violence
- safeguarding

## ***You Can ACT***

(Action Counters Terrorism) initiative – developed with Police Scotland and public and private sector partners;

- equips SIA licensed operatives and others working in security with information and awareness;
- mitigates the risks and damage posed by a terrorist attack, including within the pub and club economy; and
- is available on line via a 45 minute e-learning module on the National Counter Terrorism Security Office website

Violence in the nighttime economy is a major challenge facing the SIA and our partners:

- dealing with it has no quick fix;
- our workshop will consider how to limit the risks, to yourself, to your businesses and to your customers; and
- look at protecting your private security employees and how they can be looked after too

## The value of sharing intelligence:

- helps root out serious and organised crime;
- prevent malpractice in the private security industry; and
- protects the public and great majority of security operatives and businesses that are doing a good job.

Licence holders and applicants must be clear what behaviours are expected of them:

- security operatives are individually accountable for the way they act;
- the SIA is developing a Code of Conduct to underpin this; and
- reinforcing awareness of the expected behaviours within all the qualifications

In order to minimise their risk, pubs, clubs and other venues should procure their security from SIA approved contractors;

**Don't risk your reputation or your business  
- a small saving in cost could mean you  
lose both.**

# Future developments



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Recently Nick Hurd, the Policing Minister supported the need for continued regulation of the security industry; our work on safeguarding; counter terrorism.

He encouraged the SIA to make full use of our existing legislation and seek non-legislative solutions in order to further achieve our objectives.

We shall work with you to do so.