

*Security officers protect people and property, and maintain crowd control.*

*For instance, you might be involved in controlling crowds at a sport or music event or you may patrol houses or businesses at all hours of the day or night to ensure they are secure.*

### **Some of the things you might do as a security office include:**

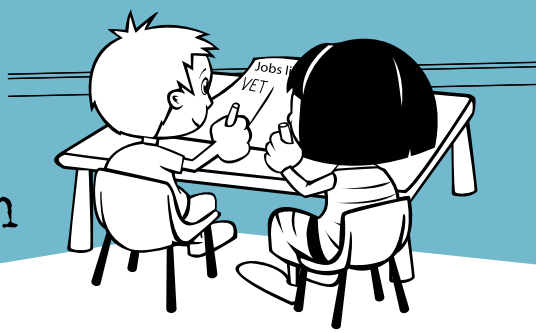
- patrol and check doors, gates and windows for signs of break-in
- watch for hazards and report incidents or problems
- record times of inspections
- respond to alarms and check alarm systems
- provide armed escort for money deliveries
- observe and report suspects to police, or apprehend offenders
- monitor computer alarm systems
- issue security passes and give directions
- check travellers and their hand luggage for illegal materials
- detect and report shoplifting and other illegal activities
- provide armed protection for specific organisations (e.g. banks)

### **You will be....**

- physically fit (pass a medical examination prior to employment)
- good hearing and eyesight (may be corrected)
- observant
- responsible and trustworthy
- able to deal with members of the public in an official capacity
- good communication and negotiation skills
- meet the age limits for carrying of firearms
- able to pass a police check
- able to drive
- an Australian citizen

### **Education & Training**

You will need at least year 10 and to have completed a certificate in security through TAFE/Polytechnic.



**Other Careers you may like to explore include:**

- Australian Protective Service Officer** – protect govt property
- Bodyguard** – protects another person who may be in danger
- Crowd Controller** – provides protection at night clubs etc.
- Gatekeeper** – manage parking and entrances to private property
- Store Security Officer** – prevents shoplifting in shops
- Air Marshall** – provide security at airports and on planes

**Further Information**

- Australian Security Industry Association: [www.asial.com.au](http://www.asial.com.au)
- National Security Providers Association: [www.naspa.com.au](http://www.naspa.com.au)
- Property Services Industry Skills Council: [www.cpsisc.com.au](http://www.cpsisc.com.au)
- Australian Federal Police Protective Service: [www.afp.gov.au](http://www.afp.gov.au)