



BC Crime Prevention Association

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Q: I want to open up my own private policing business. I have done security for a couple years now and have worked as an LPO(loss prevention officer) in some of the worst parts of Vancouver such as downtown 7-Elevens.

Could you please tell me where I can find out more information about this and how to get a license for it?

A: The regulation and licensing of security guards and security patrols falls under the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General for British Columbia. You will find contact information on their website at:

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/pisa/>

There are some significant changes pending in the legislation that will impact your plans as the Private Investigators and Security Agencies Act is being replaced with the Security Services Act and the Ministry will be able to explain how these changes will affect you.

Training for security professionals is provided by the Justice Institute of British Columbia and you will find a course description on their website at:

<http://jibc.bc.ca/careers/single.asp?career=10>

Depending on the outcome of your application you should liaise with the police agencies for each of the areas in which you plan to operate.