

## **GUARD-ALERT GAZETTE**

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## Personalising your security needs

An effective security proposal is not about offering a one size fits all solution. It is necessary to take into cognisance the unique characteristics of the guarded premises as well as the specific requirements of the client based there. To ensure that this is done systematically, Guard-Alert Security carries out a security survey, conducted by a team of the most experienced Security Managers and Officers. Observations and recommendations are captured in written form, which forms the survey report.



## What does a security survey involve?

Every facet of the company is examined thoroughly,

in order to find out what the existing security situation is. There are various areas which are looked at during the security survey and these include the following:

• What kind of physical security aspects are there at the guarded premises and are there specific after hours procedures in place

• Are the premises walled or fenced and is there top guarding on the wall, in the form of spikes or razor

wire. Guard-Alert security will advise if the erection of an electric fence is necessary.

• Is there a fireguard around the premises, which ensures that fire does not spread in the case of a fire breakout. Also what kind of fire fighting equipment is in place

• Is there a clear area surrounding the premises enabling the guard at the premises to

have a clear view of the area being guarded

• How many gates are at the premises which allow entry and exit and do the gates require manned security or not

• Who are the key holders of the various gates in the event of any emergencies

• How adequate is the security lighting at the premises as a well lit complex is a deterrent to thieves. Sensitive areas such as petrol pumps, vehicles car parks, stores, perimeter fences should be adequately lit

Identify

Hazards

Evaluate

- Are there any potentially vulnerable areas which are potential break-in points, for example presence or absence of burglar bars and structure of roof if it will not allow easy access into a building.
- What kind of electronic security is in place such as access control, panic alarms and sirens and

if these are absent, equipment required will be outlined

premises already, are the guard numbers on the site adequate. The internal or contracted guards on site should have clear assignment instructions, detailing their duties and in the case of any eventualities.

- If there are no guards on site, recommendations on the number of guards required as well as positioning at the premises is also considered
- A proper assessment of storage and movement of cash is essential. Aspects should include where cash is stored (safe or strong room), who holds the keys to these and who has access to the area in general

The Guard-Alert team of security officers will carry out a comprehensive assessment of the security at the respective premises. A complete report detailing the shortfalls and existing security situation will be produced with a full set of recommendations



Risk Plan

Review

Control

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