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Contract Security-Your Protection Solution

With the continuing economic squeeze we are currently experiencing, one of the services which companies might decide to do away with is their contract security and replace it with internal security, as the companies perceive the service to be less financially burdensome. However, it is important to note that there are far more advantages to having contract security protecting your valuable property than having in-house property. Below are just a few of the reasons why you should maintain your contract security. If you still feel that you want to rationalise your security needs, it would be an idea to contact Guard-Alert security so that they can advise you on how you can adjust your security needs, without compromising your overall security at the company premises.

- When you use contract security, should you be unhappy with a guard you can change him, likewise with the Security Company. Under today's labour laws and courts it is not so easy to get rid of your own men.
- When you have a contract security company, security guards are changed around as frequently as desired. This is to ensure that they do not become too familiar with the employees of the client or too knowledgeable about the company affairs. You cannot rotate in-house security.
- Who is going to check and supervise the guards during night times, holidays and the like when you use internal security. It would seem unlikely that senior management of a company would relish this job, but senior contract security personnel do this for Security Companies.



- Security companies can provide large numbers of extra guards as required for specific reasons or occasions
- Provision for leave, sickness, absenteeism can be covered by the large security companies which is not possible with your small staff of internal guards
- Security companies also do 'blitzes' from time to time and "raid" premises so as to carry out spot checks on guards on duty and also to monitor the situation at the guarded premises
- General supervision is ongoing with Professional Companies
- Professional security companies usually comprise many experienced & trained personnel who are available to assist as required. There is a cross section of personnel who can be called on to give advice on a range of security issues

- Provision of uniforms handcuffs and other accessories are very costly and are also a direct cost in the case of internal security. There are no additional costs incurred to the client in the case of contract security should the guard be issued with a new uniform or additional equipment for use during their duties.
- There is continuous training through refresher courses which is at no cost to the client when use contract security. Internal security guards training will be expensive for the client as this will be a direct cost, since the guards have to be sent to a professional security guards training institution
- It has been proven over and over again companies who had their own guard force changed over

to professional security companies as they were ultimately cheaper and more efficient.

- Security Companies hear or are witness to all the latest crime trends and are constantly sending out letters on prevention methods necessary to keep theft to a minimum. They endeavour to be proactive at all times.
- Contract security companies have insurance in place to cover for losses as a result of negligence or dishonest guards, a cost which is difficult to absorb for individuals.

There are other ways to improve your security including Hi-tech CCTV, alarms and radio reaction service, electric fences and many other electronic security solutions to choose from. Guard-Alert security has these products and services in their portfolio and will thus be happy to advise you accordingly on these alternatives.

Contact Guard-Alert Security for all your Security needs

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