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Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Ministère de la Sécurité communautaire et des Services correctionnels

PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACT, 2005

Uniforms

The new Private Security and Investigative Services Act, 2005, was proclaimed on August 23, 2007, and is now law. The purpose of this new act is to strengthen the professional requirements for security guards and private investigators and to enhance public safety. The new act significantly changes the way the private security industry operates in Ontario.

In an effort to uniquely distinguish security guards and differentiate them from police officers, the act includes a regulation on uniforms. Uniforms enhance the overall professionalism of security practitioners. The regulation sets out requirements for:

- Shirt colour
- Hats
- Trouser stripes
- Identification tags
- Size and placement of words and logos
- Rank chevrons

Given the nature of their work, private investigators, loss prevention personnel and bodyguards are exempt from the uniform regulation.

The ministry recognizes that licensed businesses may need time to meet the requirements of this regulation so a phase-in period is in place. Business licensees will have until August 23, 2009, to comply with this regulation.

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