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Ministry of Community Safety  
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## PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES ACT, 2005

### Vehicles

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 marked security vehicles and differentiate them from police vehicles, the act includes a regulation on vehicles. Under the new act, markings on security vehicles are not mandatory however, if a licensed business chooses to mark its vehicles, the regulation outlines the requirements that must be followed. The regulation sets out requirements governing:

- Size, placement and colour of words and logos
- Prohibited markings

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

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