



# ARMED VS. UNARMED SECURITY

## UNARMED VS ARMED SECURITY GUARDS: WHICH IS RIGHT FOR YOUR BUSINESS?

Unarmed security guards do not carry firearms. They may carry other types of non-lethal weapons for protection, such as a baton or pepper spray. In some settings, they may carry a taser.

Unarmed guards are generally hired for jobs where an actual threat is relatively low, such as video surveillance positions, retail establishment monitoring positions.

Armed guards usually carry a firearm, which is considered a lethal weapon. They've been through a robust background check and additional training to prepare for the responsibility of their position.

These guards are hired for businesses with a greater risk for crime, such as banks, large hospitals, technical firms, or courthouses.

### **Fortaris Capital Advisors Assesses Your Business's Risk**

We assess the risk level of your business. If your business is at moderate or high risk of becoming a criminal target, armed security guards may be the best fit. You may benefit having an armed security if:

- Your business has expensive assets such as jewelry and other high-end merchandise
- Your business has large amounts of cash, such as those in the cannabis industry
- You host highly publicized and large events, such as live performances or sporting events
- You need to safely transport valuable items
- Your business deals with sensitive information or large sums of money
- You are located in an area with a high crime rate
- Your business provides accommodations for a large number of people.
- Schools and places of worship.

### **UNARMED GUARDS FOR LOW-RISK BUSINESSES**

If your business isn't at high risk for potentially violent crime, unarmed security guards are generally the best choice. In low-risk settings, the presence of a security guard is usually enough to prevent criminal activity. An unarmed guard is good for:

- Traffic control needs
- Parks, pools, and other recreation areas
- Museums and galleries
- Office buildings
- Parking structures and lots

These settings typically aren't targets for dangerous criminal activity. The biggest concerns for these businesses tend to be vandalism and theft.

### **COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ARMED SECURITY**

Because they are armed with a lethal weapon, an armed security guard requires extensive training and skill development to qualify for their job. They'll often cost more per hour than unarmed guards.

Since there is a risk of injury or death in the event that the firearm is used, you'll need to pay for liability insurance if you hire armed guards to protect your business.

### **UNARMED SECURITY GUARD COSTS**

Unarmed security guards cost less to hire because they require less training and you won't need liability insurance.



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