



NSW Police Force

Guidelines for Security Industry Uniforms and markings on Motor Vehicles

The following guidelines have been determined by the Commissioner to assist security operatives and companies to design suitable uniforms and emblems that can be worn within the workplace and markings that may be displayed on motor vehicles. The guidelines may be further updated or changed in consultation with industry representatives in an effort to establish best practice.

Uniforms and emblems worn or displayed by licensed security operatives should not be designed to resemble or create the impression of affiliation with any Australian or New Zealand Police Service or any other Government or Semi-Government body. If you have any doubts regarding uniforms and emblems please do not hesitate to contact the Security Licensing and Enforcement Directorate for advice.

- Designs **MUST NOT** include the wording - "Police", "Detective", "Private Detective", "Highway Patrol" "New South Wales State", "Enforcement".
- Designs **MUST NOT** include any other words purporting to infer a connection with any government body that uses such words and which, when coupled with an emblem, may construe or deceive others that the security uniform, vehicle or stationery used has an association with that body. This includes Commonwealth forces such as the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Designs **MUST NOT** include emblems or insignia having a police design or a close resemblance thereto, or any colourable imitation of a police insignia.
- Designs **MUST NOT** include emblems or insignia using a coat of arms bearing the "Kangaroo and Emu with a Laurel and Shield" or any colourable imitation thereof, which in any way infers a relationship to any Federal, State or Local government or quasi-Government Department or Authority.
- Any indication of rank should be worded (ie: Senior Security Officer etc.). Chevrons, stars and crowns should not be used.
- The Blue and White chequered band commonly used by Police throughout the world should not be worn or used on any clothing, vehicle, building or advertising material.
- The word SECURITY should be clearly defined above any insignia in **BOLD** print and in a colour other than yellow or gold.
- Any business name displayed on a uniform or motor vehicle must only be the name of a current Master licence holder or a business name that the licence holder has

registered with NSW Fair Trading and which is recorded on the relevant Master licence.

- Where a security firm is engaged in armed security activities, any company or business name displayed on any uniform or motor vehicle used in connection with those activities must be that of, or be registered to, the holder of the Category H Business licence issued by the Firearms Registry authorising those activities.
- Any business name, or sign incorporating the word "security", displayed on a motor vehicle must be accompanied by the relevant Master licence number.

If uniforms are tailored in the style of light blue shirt and dark trousers an example of any emblem or insignia must be forwarded to the Security Licensing & Enforcement Directorate for approval.

Any advertisement for a security business must contain the number of the relevant Master licence.

A person must not advertise that the person carries on a security activity unless the person is the holder of a licence.

These guidelines are issued pursuant to [Section 48 \(2\)\(e\)\(ii\) & \(iii\)](#) of the [Security Industry Act 1997](#) in association with [Clause 40](#) of the [Security Industry Regulation 2007](#).