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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our latest newsletter issue. This issue will cover everything from Coronavirus, industry news, SIA news to our latest news.

The Coronavirus has created an uncertain environment for all of us. Since it's outbreak, Coronavirus has already managed to devastate numerous families, individuals and businesses. Therefore, keeping safe is the top priority, especially now as we try to prevent another lockdown from being enforced. With over 350,000 cases confirmed, many more unconfirmed and over 40,000 deaths in the UK alone we all need to be taking precautions individually and on a business level.

We, along with other businesses are taking the utmost care on a day to day basis to ensure the safety of our employees and customers. To do this we are providing personal protective equipment to all guards and are ensuring all staff are making hygiene and safety a priority. Also, all security operatives employed by us have been extensively briefed on how to conduct themselves to minimise the risk of infection or spread.

Our main overriding target is to continue to supply excellent quality security that can successfully adapt to the difficult climate created by coronavirus. So far, we are on target to achieve high customer satisfactory feedback, because of our continued efforts to provide quality services nationwide at low prices. However, like all businesses throughout the world, we have also suffered in these uncertain, and difficult times. But, with this in mind, we will continually do our best to keep prices low so struggling small and large businesses can stay secure.

COMPANY NEWS



SUNDERLAND AND COVID-19, WHY YOU MAY BE AT RISK

Sunderland typically was seen as a relatively safe spot with reference COVID-19 for the majority of the pandemics duration. But it has now rocketed to the 7th highest coronavirus hotspot.



HOW TO BECOME A SECURITY GUARD IN 2020

Crime rates are currently increasing throughout the UK and security guards are in high demand; businesses are desperate to protect their valuable stock and employees. How to become one today.



"KNIFE CRIME IS RAPIDLY INCREASING; 4 TIPS ON HOW TO STAY SAFE IN 2020"

In March 2019, knife crime in the UK reached a decade high. There has been no proven theory as to why there is a rise in knife crime. How can you stay safe?

TO FIND MORE OF OUR NEWS GO TO:
<https://www.regionsecurityguarding.co.uk/news/>

TARGETS

- ✓ High customer satisfactory rate.
- ✓ Continue to build our customer base, gaining new customers.
- ✓ Deliver our services Nationwide.
- ✓ Deliver the best security at the best price.

TENDERS WE ARE APPLYING FOR



Our Employee of the Month:

BRODY MATHER

(Digital Marketing Apprentice)
 For her dedication and continued hard work.

"Recent Testimonials"

"We approached Region Security Guarding, with a urgent need for security at a large site in Pineham, Northamptonshire. They provided us with a quotation within the hour and managed to resource a security guard for the following day. The security guard worked on the site for a two month period and was punctual, reliable and professional throughout. Any queries or requests that we had throughout this period, were actioned promptly by the Region Security manager. We would definitely recommend using Region Security, as they provided an excellent service for a reasonable price."
 -Chris Ogden

"I approached Region Security because we were changing to a 24 hour operated site. Region Security helped me by quickly setting up a contract and sent guards to site for training. Our guards monitor our site from 8pm to 8am and 24 hours on a weekend. The responsiveness from Region has been fantastic – from issues to finance, I promptly receive assistance and the customer service is great. I would definitely recommend Region Security."

COVID-19

Current Statistics

UK Cases

398,625 **41,788**
Confirmed Deaths

Global Cases

31,352,177 **965,529**
Confirmed Deaths

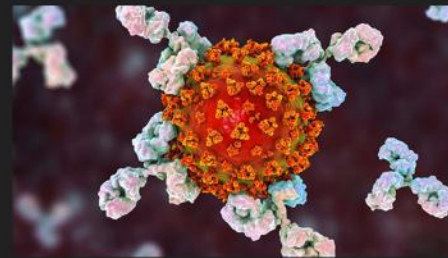
Latest CORONAVIRUS News



THE RULE OF SIX
Restrictions banning social gatherings of more than six people have come into effect, following a rise in coronavirus cases. The "rule of six" applies both indoors and outdoors in England and Scotland, and indoors only in Wales.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>



WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T DO
No more than six allowed, but what does this really mean? For one, pubs and restaurants will remain open. But members of groups can be fined if they fail to follow the rules. This will be £100 for a first offence.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>



NEW ANTIBODY TREATMENT
A new antibody treatment is to be trialled on Covid-19 patients in UK hospitals. Monoclonal antibodies, which are potent, laboratory-made antibodies, will be given to about 2,000 people to see if they are effective.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>

COVID-19 GUIDANCE



Wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds using soap and water or hand sanitiser, particularly after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, before you eat or handle food, or when you get to work or arrive home.



To reduce the risk of catching or spreading coronavirus, try to keep at least 2 metres away from people you do not live with. **Social distancing** is essential to stop the spread of the virus, as it is more likely to spread when people are close together. An infected person can pass on the virus even if they do not have any symptoms, through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing.



Clean and disinfect regularly touched objects and surfaces using your regular cleaning products to reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.



You must wear a **face covering** by law in some public places unless you have a face covering exemption because of your age, health or another condition. You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet.



If you develop the symptoms outlined to the right, however mild, or you have received a positive coronavirus (COVID-19) test result, then you should immediately **self-isolate** stay at home for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. If you live with others, all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

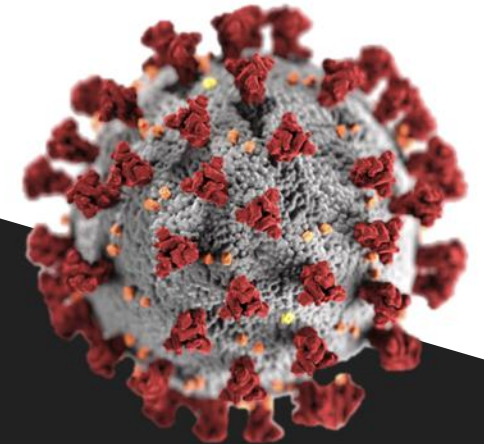
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-guidance>

OUR RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus has escalated in a way no one could have anticipated, the virulent nature of the illness makes it incredibly easy to spread and just as difficult to stop. With this being said we are doing everything we can to provide security in these incredibly trying times, all of our security guards are completely up to date on all measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus so you don't have to worry about them bringing it in or contracting it.

WHAT MEASURES HAVE WE TAKEN?

- ✓ All Security Guards are provided with 'Personal Protective Equipment'. This includes a mask and gloves.
- ✓ All guards are safe to work around and are confident in their ability to keep a calm level head amongst this pandemic.
- ✓ All Guards are given correct training.
- ✓ No Guards travel on public transport.
- ✓ We have Covid Temperature tests to ensure everyone is kept safe.
- IN OFFICE:
- ✓ Hand Sanitise station as you enter the office.
- ✓ Socially distanced desks.



3 MAIN SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

1. **A high temperature**, this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. **A new, continuous cough**, this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
3. **A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**, this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE IT:

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result - only leave your home to have a test.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

A **temperature tester** is a very useful tool within the security industry at this time. This is because it enables security guards to test if customers and staff entering a site/shop are showing signs of the virus. This can ensure that businesses are kept Covid free. **Personal Protective Equipment** including masks, gloves, and hand sanitiser are also of great importance. They allow our guards to stay safe while they work on multiple business sites. Extra **Security Guard training** and guidelines for work are extremely important as it makes sure each security guard knows what measures they need to take to keep everyone safe. **Within our offices**, we have followed the government's guidelines for keeping staff safe. Upon entering there is hand sanitiser and the office is cleaned regularly. In addition, the office was closed during lockdown with staff going on furlough where possible.



INDUSTRY/SECURITY NEWS



HOW HAS THE ROLE OF A RETAIL SECURITY GUARD CHANGED

With technology evolving as it is, two key factors which have affected the role of retail security guard are store security alarms and the introduction of self-checkout machines.

<https://www.ifsecglobal.com/>



FORMER SECURITY GUARD NOW A MEDICAL STUDENT ON THE FRONTLINE OF COVID-19

Inspired by doctors at the hospital, while working as a security guard, he studied on notecards and asked to shadow doctors so he himself could become a doctor.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/>



SECURITY GUARDS PATROL BEACHES

Security is more and more in demand since coronavirus. Swale council is spending £20,000 on deploying security guards to parts of Sheppey's shoreline to help protect beachgoers and answer questions.

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/>



CORONAVIRUS: GUARDING THE CUTTY SARK DURING LOCKDOWN

Alex McDonald a security guard for the historic ship Cutty Sark, which is based in Greenwich, south-east London has recorded his thoughts while patrolling the empty ship during coronavirus.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/>



MUM THANKS HERO SECURITY GUARD FOR SAVING CHOKING BABY'S LIFE IN GLASGOW

Pauline Lloyd was left 'shaken' as she watched her one-year-old Aled begin to choke as the pair had lunch at Costa in Glasgow's Silverburn centre.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/>



SECURITY GUARD TAKES CARE OF ENTIRE OFFICE'S PLANTS

With most of us away since lockdown began in March, no one has been tending to the succulents, cacti, and other bits of greenery left on our desk. But for one office, that wasn't the case.

<https://metro.co.uk/>

SECURITY GUARDS

Security guards across the country continually stop and prevent impossible situations. There are many stories like the one above of a security guard saving the life of a citizen.

The stories displayed above also show how the security industry and the guards within it go above and beyond to protect the UK public. All of our guards deserve great recognition for the amazing services they have continued to deliver through these uncertain times.

SIA LATEST



CHIEF EXECUTIVE - IAN TODD ANNOUNCES DEPARTURE FROM THE SIA

SIA Executive announced his departure from the SIA on the 3rd September 2020 and is to leave the role on 16th October 2020. This has been due to changes in his personal circumstances. He has stated that:

"it has been an honour and a privilege to lead the SIA over the past 18 months and I am proud of what we have achieved together, particularly rising to the challenges of Covid-19...I would like to thank the Authority members and all the staff for making my time at the SIA such a positive experience." The chair of the SIA Elizabeth France has said that "we are sorry that, for personal reasons, Ian has decided not to continue as our Chief Executive. He is an excellent Chief Executive and has played an important part in the development of the SIA."

SIA LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON TOP-UP TRAINING FOR DOOR SUPERVISORS AND SECURITY GUARDS

The SIA has decided to change the qualifications needed for an SIA license, following a review of the license-linked qualifications.

From October 2021, door supervisors and security guards will need to complete top-up training before they renew their license.

The top-up training for door supervisors and security guards will include key elements of the new content that the SIA is introducing to license-linked qualifications in April 2021. This will include emergency first aid at work qualification, updated terror, and threat awareness, use of equipment, knowledge of physical intervention and more. These will be different for different security roles.

The SIA has developed this top-up training to make sure all security guards possess the same basic skills as entrants achieving the updated SIA qualification.

LONDONDERRY DOOR SUPERVISORS INTERVENE AND SAVE A LIFE WHILE PREVENTING A BRAWL IN PORTTRUSH

On 1st August two door supervisors saved a young man's life and prevented a mass brawl.

Gary Holmes, who has worked in security for over 10 years, and Marc Kelly, an experienced door supervisor, were working at a bar in Portrush. They were managing the door when they noticed a group of at least fifteen young men chasing another young man. In the video, this is when Gary and Marc can be seen intervening. As the group of young men started to shout violent threats and start fights, Gary and Marc used their training and experience to de-escalate the situation and break up the fights. They also got the young man and the two people who tried to help him to safety.

<https://www.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk/Pages/about-news.aspx>

UK CRIME STATISTICS

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/>



OVERALL THEFT FIGURE

3,690,000 offences

OVERALL CRIMINAL DAMAGE & ARSON FIGURE

1,082,000 offences

OVERALL ROBBERY FIGURE

88,177 offences

OVERALL VIOLENCE & WEAPONS FIGURE

1,327,000 offences



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