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Are Your Security Services Reliable?

Find Out With Our 5-Point Accountability Checklist.

Many business owners assume their security company is compliant—but the truth is that some providers cut corners, putting your business at risk of lawsuits, fines, and serious security failures. The worst part? You might not realize it until it's too late.

At Delta Protective Services, we've seen firsthand what happens when businesses unknowingly hire unlicensed security providers. A single mistake could cost you thousands in legal fees, damage your reputation, and leave your employees and customers unprotected.

In our latest article, "Are Your Security Services Reliable? Find Out With Our 5-Point Accountability Checklist," we put together a simple checklist to help you verify whether your security team is operating legally. In just a few minutes, you can confirm credentials, identify red flags, and make sure you're getting the protection you're paying for.

Don't wait until something goes wrong to take action. Read the full guide now and protect your business before it's too late.

Are You at Risk?

Hiring a security company isn't just another business decision—it's about protecting your people, property, and livelihood. You should be able to expect reliable security services, but what if the company you've trusted is cutting corners? Some security providers ignore California's strict laws, exposing your business to lawsuits, hefty fines, and serious security breaches. The worst part? You might not realize there's a problem until it's too late.

What You Need to Know

As a business owner or manager, you can't afford to assume your security company is following the law—you need to be sure. The challenge? Security regulations in California can be complicated, and some companies don't make it easy to tell if they're fully compliant. The good news is, with a simple checklist, you can quickly confirm whether your security team is playing by the rules.

My Experience in Security

I've been in the security industry since 1993, so I know exactly what to look for. With over 30 years of hands-on experience, I can help you confidently determine whether your security provider is following the law—or spot the red flags they don't want you to see.

I've built and managed a top-tier security company that fully complies with California's strict regulations. How do I make that happen? By staying on the front lines—protecting high-risk environments, working closely with law enforcement, and personally training security professionals to meet the highest industry standards. I understand the [challenges businesses face](#) when hiring security and the risks that come with unlicensed or untrained providers.

I don't just know the rules—I've lived them, enforced them, and helped businesses stay compliant. I'm here to help you do the same.

A 5-Point Accountability Checklist to Verify Your Security Provider

When it comes to security, trust is earned through proof—not promises. Even if a company seems professional on the surface, it's your duty to make sure they're operating legally. This simple accountability checklist will help you confirm whether your security provider is fully compliant with California law so you can avoid unnecessary risks.

Step 1: Verify Their PPO License (Private Patrol Operator)

A PPO license isn't just a formality—it's proof that the security company is legally authorized to provide services in California. Without it, they're operating illegally, putting your business at risk.

- **Ask your security provider for their PPO license number.** If they hesitate or can't provide it, that's a major red flag. A legitimate company will have this information ready and be proud to show it.
- **Go to the Board of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) website to [verify their license](#).** Don't just take their word for it—double-check the license status online. It only takes a minute and could save you from serious legal headaches down the road.

Step 2: Check Guard Cards for Every Security Officer

Every security officer in California must have a valid Guard Card issued by BSIS. This card confirms they've completed the [required training](#) and background checks to work as a professional security officer.

- **Ask to see the Guard Card for every officer working on your property.** A reliable security service won't have a problem with such a simple request. If an officer can't produce their card, that's a sign they may not be properly licensed.
- **Ensure Guard Cards are carried at all times while on duty.** It's not just a recommendation—it's the law. Officers must carry their Guard Card whenever they're working, so it's easy to verify their credentials on the spot.
- **Verify Guard Cards at the [BSIS website](#).** Even if an officer shows you their card, take a moment to confirm it's active and valid. It's a quick check that adds an extra layer of protection for your business.

Step 3: Verify Licensing for Armed Officers

Armed security officers need more than just a Guard Card. They must have additional certifications to carry firearms legally and safely.

- **Ensure armed officers have a Firearms Qualification Card from BSIS.** This card proves they've completed firearms training and are qualified to carry a weapon on duty. No card? No armed officer—it's that simple.

- **Verify the card specifies the exact caliber of firearm they are carrying.** The law requires this detail for a reason. Officers can't legally carry firearms not listed on their qualification card.
- **If an officer carries a concealed firearm, confirm they have a valid Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) permit issued by local law enforcement.** Carrying a concealed weapon without the proper permit isn't just illegal—it's a major liability for your business. Always verify.
- **Check [California CCW laws](#).** Stay informed about the legal requirements in your area. This helps you spot potential issues before they become serious problems.

Step 4: Ensure Compliance with Additional Weapon Permits

Security officers carrying batons, tear gas, or pepper spray need specific permits for each weapon. These permits ensure the officer is trained to use these tools responsibly.

- **Officers carrying batons, tear gas, or pepper spray must have a valid permit for those weapons.** Don't assume they're covered just because they have a Guard Card. Each weapon requires its own permit to ensure proper training and legal compliance.
- **These permits must be on their person at all times while carrying the weapon.** If an officer doesn't have their permit with them, they're not in compliance, which could put your business at risk.
- **Verify [BSIS-issued permits](#).** A quick online check will confirm the permit is valid. It's an easy step that adds peace of mind.

Step 5: Verify the Business License

In addition to a PPO license, every company offering reliable security services must have a valid business license for the city or county where they operate. This ensures they meet local legal requirements.

- **Security companies must have both a PPO license from BSIS and a business license issued by the city or county where they operate.** A business license alone doesn't authorize them to provide security services. Make sure they have both to avoid working with an unqualified company.
- **Confirm the company is not relying on just a city business license, which does not authorize them to provide security services.** Some companies try to pass off a basic business license as proof of legitimacy—but that's not enough. Always verify they hold the proper security credentials.
- **Check local business licenses through your city or county website.** This quick step ensures the company is registered to operate legally in your area, giving you one more layer of protection.

Take 5 Minutes to Protect Your Business

Security isn't something you can afford to gamble with. If your provider can't verify these basic requirements, they may be cutting corners—or worse, operating illegally. A few minutes of due diligence today could save you from costly legal trouble and serious security risks down the line.

If you're [ready to upgrade](#) to a fully licensed, professional security team, let's talk. My team at Delta Protective Services is committed to providing reliable security services that fully comply with California laws. When you work with us, you eliminate risk, avoid liability, and get real protection for your business—without the guesswork.

Not hiring security right now? Stay ahead of industry changes by following us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) or joining our email list. When the time comes to make a decision, you'll already have the knowledge you need to choose the right security provider.

The High Cost of Hiring the Wrong Security Team

Hiring an unqualified security provider isn't just a bad business decision—it's a risk that could cost you everything. On the surface, [an unlicensed company](#) might not seem like a problem. But what happens when one of their guards oversteps their authority, gets into a physical altercation, or worse—fails to act during a real security threat? Suddenly, it's your business on the line—facing lawsuits, fines, and a damaged reputation. It's happened before. And it can happen again.

A California business once approached me because they unknowingly hired an unlicensed security provider. When a violent incident broke out on their property, they discovered—too late—that their security guards weren't trained or legally authorized to intervene. The business owner was sued for negligence, hit with hefty fines, and lost major contracts. That single incident dealt a blow to their reputation they never fully recovered from.

Hiring the wrong security team doesn't just put your business at risk—it puts your employees, customers, and assets in danger. A properly licensed security provider ensures compliance, real protection, and peace of mind. Don't wait until something goes wrong to take action—use this guide and make sure your security team is up to standard today.

Reliable Security Services You Can Trust

Your security provider should give you peace of mind—not more problems. Use this checklist to verify their credentials and make sure you're getting the protection you're paying for. Need help? Let's talk. [Contact me today](#), and I'll help you verify that your security team is legitimate, compliant, and ready to protect what matters most.

Don't Let Gaps In Protection Put Your Business At Risk

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