• An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí The Private Security Authority

IF YOU EMPLOY AN UNLICENSED PROVIDER TO INSTALL OR MAINTAIN A

CCTV SYSTEM or ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM or INTRUDER ALARM SYSTEM

YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW!

The Private Security Authority (PSA) is the statutory body responsible for the licensing and regulation of the private security industry in Ireland.

Under the Private Security Services Acts, licences are now <u>compulsory</u> for private security contractors providing CCTV, Access Control and Intruder Alarm installations and maintenance services. Contractors include companies, partnerships and sole traders.

Contractors providing CCTV, Access Control and Intruder Alarm installation and/or maintenance services without a licence are breaking the law.

Similarly, *any person* employing an unlicensed CCTV, Access Control or Intruder Alarm contractor is also breaking the law and faces penalties ranging from a €3,000 fine up to 5 years imprisonment. A person includes householders and businesses.

In order to obtain a licence from the PSA, the security provider must prove compliance with national and European standards and be a fit and proper person to work within the industry. Contractors who hold a PSA licence have met the following conditions set down by the PSA:

- Provided evidence of having attained the required standard
- Been vetted by An Garda Síochána and passed the PSA's fit and proper assessment
- Hold a valid Tax Clearance Certificate

A licence granted by the PSA is valid for two years. The PSA can, at any time, suspend or revoke a contractor's licence, if the contractor fails to comply with the conditions of the licence.

You can check if a contractor is licensed on our Register of Licence Holders at - www.psa.gov.ie

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