



An tÚdarás Slándála Príobháidí The Private Security Authority

High compliance found during Door Security Inspections carried out during December by the PSA and An Garda Síochána in Dublin 2

On a number of dates during December 2011, Inspectors from the Private Security Authority (PSA) in conjunction with An Garda Síochána carried out a number of late night weekend inspections of door supervisor (licensed premises) services in Dublin 2. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that only those licensed by the PSA are operating and that individuals are wearing a clearly visible identity badge as legally required.

The PSA teams visited 68 licensed premises and interviewed 307 individual door security personnel. Of the 68 premises, 45 of them used door security contractors, 17 used directly employed door personnel and 6 used a mix of both. All of the door security contractors found providing services were licensed (100% compliance).

Of the 307 individuals interviewed, 302 were licensed (98%), and 5 were unlicensed (2%). Of those that were licensed 294 were wearing the ID badge as required (97%).

Ms Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive of the PSA said "Compliance with the licensing requirement and the wearing of the Identity Badge by door staff was very good. The PSA will continue to take every action necessary to remove unlicensed individuals from the security industry and will also take action against pubs and night clubs who employ the unlicensed. The PSA has commenced the prosecution process against those who were unlicensed and those employing unlicensed individuals. Sanctions will issue to those found not compliant with the wearing of the Identity Badge requirement. The wearing of the Identity Badge in a clearly visible manner is a legal requirement and provides the public with evidence that the wearer has met the appropriate licensing standards set by the PSA. It also allows for identification if a member of the public wishes to make a complaint to the PSA. The PSA will continue to monitor compliance by carrying out further checks in the Dublin 2 area"

The PSA Inspectors also carried out inspections on retail premises in the D2 area, 24 premises were visited, 23 of which engaged security contractors. Further enquiries are being made in relation to one premises.

31 individual security guards were interviewed, all of whom were licensed. However two were not wearing their ID badges. Sanctions will issue to those two licensees.

The Private Security Authority is the statutory body with responsibility for licensing and regulating the private security industry in Ireland. The Authority is an independent body under the aegis of the Department of Justice and Equality.

The Private Security Authority website (www.psa.gov.ie) contains a register of licence holders and is a useful tool for business and the public who can ensure that their security provider is licensed by checking the details on the register.