

## **Working in Security and Law Enforcement**

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### **SECURITY:**

A guard card is required for work as a security guard. <https://www.bsis.ca.gov> is the website for the State of California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services Division for Private Patrol Officers and Security Guards. Select “Apply for a License” for application forms including the one needed for Live Scan fingerprinting. BreEZe <https://www.breeze.ca.gov> is the new online licensing and enforcement system for the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Some security companies may fund the cost of the fingerprinting and may be licensed to administer the exam. Some local security companies include:

**Allied Universal**      [www.aus.com](http://www.aus.com)      [Allied Universal Security Services, Systems and Solutions \(aus.com\)](http://www.aus.com)  
333 Hegenberger Rd. #250, Oakland 94621      (510) 562-7606  
Event Services: 7000 Joe Morgan Way #104, Oakland 94621 (510) 563-2322  
Event Services 7000 Coliseum Way, Oakland 94621      (510) 563-2322  
1855 Gateway Blvd., Concord #140 94520      (510) 839-4041

**Brinks**      [Brinks Incorporated Careers \(brinksuscareers.com\)](http://brinksuscareers.com) 3775 Alameda Ave., Suite B, Oakland 94601  
(510) 535-4500 hires armored truck drivers, vault personnel, vault and cash logistics processors

**Loomis Armored**– [www.loomis.us/careers](http://www.loomis.us/careers)      [Careers | Loomis US](http://www.loomis.us/careers)  
Loomis Armored is at 3200 Regatta Blvd., Richmond (510) 225-0500  
27641 Industrial Blvd. in Hayward 94545 (408) 273-1101  
Hires driver/guards, ATM technicians, vault managers, currency clerks and coin processors. Must be 21

**Protech Security Services Inc.** a union security company      [www.palamerican.com](http://www.palamerican.com)  
180 Montgomery #700, SF 94104      (415) 243-2100  
1970 Broadway #840, Oakland 94612      (510) 645-9200  
Need clear criminal record, valid guard card, high-rise experience helpful

**Securitas**      [www.securitasinc.com](http://www.securitasinc.com)  
39465 Paseo Padre Parkway #1200, Fremont      (510) 344-2621  
1800 Sutter St. Concord 94520      (510) 568-5818  
This large agency may assist the person to receive the guard card

[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) – For security event jobs type “hiring security event” and “city, state or zip code” in search boxes.

### **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Homeland Security** –The department also has its own website: <https://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-careers>  
[Homeland Security Careers | Homeland Security \(dhs.gov\)](http://www.dhs.gov/homeland-security-careers) All positions require US citizenship and most require a background check and drug screening. There are opportunities with many agencies such as:

Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives      [www.atf.gov](http://www.atf.gov)

Federal Bureau of Investigations      [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

IRS – Criminal Investigation – [www.jobs.irs.gov](http://www.jobs.irs.gov)

**Transportation Security Administration** <https://jobs.tsa.gov> or [Home | Transportation Security Administration \(tsa.gov\)](#) hires Transportation Security Officers (screeners). The TSA comes under the Department of Homeland Security. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Jobs are found on federal jobs website: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection** <https://www.cbp.gov> [U.S. Customs and Border Protection | Securing America's Borders \(cbp.gov\)](#) hires Customs and Border Agents who patrol the border at 300 different locations. Taking an examination is part of the process to get on the eligible list for hire. Other frontline positions include air interdiction agent, aviation enforcement agent, marine interdiction agent, and agriculture specialist. This bureau also comes under Homeland Security

**Federal Bureau of Prisons** <https://www.bop.gov> [BOP: Federal Bureau of Prisons Web Site](#) has continuous openings for correctional officers. The correctional institution in Dublin is a low security facility.

**U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement** – 14,000 Federal employees focus on enforcement of immigration laws. Occupations include investigative, detention and deportation officers. Go to <https://www.ice.gov/careers> [Working for ICE | ICE](#) for updates. This bureau is another part of Homeland Security.

**U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service** [About Us | USCIS](#) <https://www.uscis.gov/about-us> hires Adjudications Officers and Asylum Officers and is also a part of the Department of Homeland Security.

**U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration** [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) hires Special Agents and other investigative positions. The website gives further information including how to apply through <https://www.usajobs.gov>

**U.S. Coast Guard** [www.uscg.mil](http://www.uscg.mil) has opportunities under enlisted careers, officer careers, reserve careers, auxiliary careers and civilian careers. It falls under the Department of Homeland Security.

**U.S. Park Police** – Reach them at [Work for Us \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#) The National Park Service is part of the Department of the Interior. [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) is the portal for both seasonal and permanent jobs with this federal government department.

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT:**

**Contra Costa Sheriffs Department** hires [entry-level sheriff recruits](#) and [lateral deputies](#) as well as [dispatchers](#), [sheriff rangers](#) and [sheriff aides](#). Alameda County and other local counties have similar positions

**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation** hires [Correctional Officers](#), [Youth Correctional Officers](#) and [Youth Correctional Counselors](#) to staff 41 adult and juvenile facilities throughout California. Check the website at [www.cdcr.ca.gov](http://www.cdcr.ca.gov)

**BART** <https://www.bart.gov/about/jobs> hires police officers in a continuous recruitment. Candidates must be at least 21 at time of graduation from the police academy. Other information is available on the website under “About Bart” and then “Jobs”. Apply online.

**California Highway Patrol** Directions on how to apply are on the website at <https://recruitment.chp.ca.gov> A physical abilities test is required in addition to a written test. Accepts applications on a continuous basis but there are deadlines for testing cycles

**Local cities** hire police officers, community service officers, police assistants, dispatchers, crime analysts and records technicians as well as code enforcement officers that deal with zoning and permit center technicians. The titles vary from city to city. A good website that links to many cities is <https://www.abag.ca.gov>  
**Choose** “About ABAG”, then “Careers” and then “local government job lists”

**Park Districts** such as East Bay Regional Park District [www.ebparks.org](http://www.ebparks.org) hire police and **Water Districts** such as East Bay Municipal Utility District [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com) hire security operators. **Universities** such as the University of California at Berkeley <https://jobs.berkeley.edu> have their own police departments

### **OTHER POSSIBILITIES:**

**Loss Prevention** – Retail stores hire **assets protection** and **loss prevention** staff. Target, for example, hires **Target Protection Specialists** to prevent theft at the store level. Their website <https://corporate.target.com/careers> lists a variety of other roles: **compliance, planning & analysis, corporate investigations/forensic services** and **financial investigations**.

[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) . is a good website to find a variety of employers who hire in this field. List “loss prevention” in their search box.

[www.calopps.org](http://www.calopps.org) -Check law enforcement for jobs such as special event patrol, public safety officer, public safety dispatcher, deputy sheriff, police officer, vehicle abatement officer, community service officer, and police service technician with California cities and counties

GovernmentJobs | City, State, Federal & Public Sector Jobs <https://www.governmentjobs.com>  
Search by zip code and key words such as “law enforcement”

SF bay area security jobs - craigslist Search <https://www.craigslist.org> under Keyword “security”

Job Search, Career Advice & Hiring Resources | iHireSecurity– [www.ihiresecurity.com](http://www.ihiresecurity.com) website for security jobs such as alarm switchboard operator, investigator, patroller, security dispatcher, security driver, security guard and security coordinator. Must register to use