

WAC 296-17A-6601 Classification 6601.

6601-00 Detective agencies

Applies to:

Businesses providing investigative and related services for others.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting background checks;
- Investigating corporate embezzlement and fraud, employee theft, insurance fraud, missing person cases, matrimonial or child custody disputes;
- Monitoring burglar or fire alarm systems;
- Providing polygraph testing or fingerprinting services; or
- Tracking and apprehending fugitives.

Work activities include investigative methods, such as:

- Checking public records;
- Conducting interviews;
- Surveillance;
- Undercover operations; and
- Providing client with a final report, which includes documentation, photographs, or videotapes.

Exclusions:

- Businesses providing customer shoplifting surveillance within retail stores reported separately in classification 6601-01;
- Surveillance employees hired as direct employees of a nondetective or security agency are reported separately in the classification applicable to the establishment.

6601-01 Merchant police or patrol

Applies to:

Businesses providing security services to shopping centers, malls, business parks, banks, and other businesses.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining public security in malls, hospitals, and banks;
- Monitoring parking lots and garages;
- Monitoring alarm systems; and
- Providing surveillance for theft or shoplifting.

Exclusions:

- Detective agencies are to be reported separately in classification 6601-00;
- Security guard services which are to be reported separately in classification 6601-02.

6601-02 Security guard agencies

Applies to:

Businesses providing general security guard services for clients such as airports, commercial, industrial, residential, and governmental facilities.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting electronic sweeps;
- Protecting persons or buildings;
- Protecting and/or transporting executives;
- Providing security at strikes; and
- Responding to fire or burglar alarms.

The clients' security systems may be connected to a central security system of the security guard agency, where employees of the security guard agency monitor the client's systems and notify the appropriate authorities if necessary. As a general rule, security guards, do not have police powers.

Exclusions:

- Security guards at logging sites are classified separately in 6601-03;
- Security guards at construction sites are classified separately in 6601-04, provided the conditions in the special exception section of the general rules have been met.

6601-03 Security guards at logging sites

Applies to:

- Employees of logging contractors or landowners who are employed as security guards to maintain security at logging sites preventing, deterring, and detecting crime and/or fires.
- Businesses that contract to provide security guards at logging sites preventing, deterring, and detecting crime and/or fires.

Security guard duties are limited only to hours that the employer is not conducting any other operations at the site. The employee may have no other duties during their shift as a security guard.

6601-04 Security guards at construction sites

Applies to:

- Employees of construction contractors or landowners who are employed as security guards to maintain security at construction sites preventing, deterring, and detecting crime and/or fires.
- Businesses that contract to provide security guards at construction sites preventing, deterring, and detecting crime and/or fires.

Security guard duties are limited only to hours that the employer is not conducting any other operations at the site. The employee may have no other duties during their shift as a security guard.

6601-05 Armored car services

Applies to:

Businesses engaged in armored car services transporting cash or valuables for businesses such as, but not limited to, banks, supermarkets, and jewelry stores to other destinations; or collect or deposit money into or from automatic teller machines.

6601-06 Crowd control services

Applies to:

Businesses engaged in providing crowd control services.

Types of events services may be provided for include, but are not limited to:

- Conventions;
- Fairs;
- Live concerts;
- Race tracks;
- Rallies;
- Rodeos; and
- Sporting events.

Workers may include:

- Rule enforcement workers such as uniformed or plain clothes security guards who maintain order as well as providing personal protection; and
- Parking lot staff.

Exclusion:

Theater ushers, inside ticket takers, set up crews and stagehands are classified separately in 4504.

6601-07 Process/legal messenger services

Applies to:

- Businesses engaged in providing process services by delivering legal documents such as summonses, complaints, subpoenas, and writs to individuals.
- Businesses engaged in legal messenger services for others by delivering legal papers between legal representatives and the courts.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Checking public records;
- Conducting interviews to locate recipients of legal documents;
- Surveillance work; and
- Providing clients with a final report of service or nonservice on the recipient.

Exclusion:

Errand and parcel delivery services are classified separately in 1101.

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