

**WAC 308-18-300 Minimum preassignment training and testing requirements.** Preassignment training must consist of eight hours of training.

(1) At least four hours of the training must take place in an organized and formal setting. The remaining four hours of training can be continued in the organized and formal setting or it can be individual instruction.

(2) The preassignment organized and formal training must be from the following listed subjects. These training topics are the source of the questions in the preassignment examination issued by the department.

(a) **Basic principles.**

- (i) Basic role of the security guard;
- (ii) Washington state licensing laws;
- (iii) Observation;
- (iv) Proper actions, reactions;
- (v) Homeland security - terrorism and surveillance.

(b) **Legal powers and limitations.**

- (i) Citizens arrest;
- (ii) Authority to detain, question, or search a private citizen;
- (iii) Authority to search or seize private property;
- (iv) Use of force;
- (v) Avoiding liability.

(c) **Emergency response.**

- (i) How to define what is or is not an emergency situation;
- (ii) Response to fires;
- (iii) Response to medical emergencies;
- (iv) Response to criminal acts;
- (v) Bomb threats.

(d) **Safety and accident prevention.**

- (i) Hazardous materials including MSDS;
- (ii) Accident reporting.

(e) **Report writing.**

Elements and characteristics of a report.

(3) All private security guard applicants, after receiving preassignment training and prior to receiving their license or temporary registration card, must successfully complete an exam designed and provided by the department to demonstrate understanding and retention of the information learned in the training course on the subjects listed in WAC 308-18-300. The exam shall consist of multiple choice questions. All applicants must answer all questions correctly on the preassignment training exam or questions incorrectly answered must be reviewed to ensure the applicant's understanding and then initialed by both the applicant and the trainer verifying knowledge of the correct answer(s).

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