

Bodyguard

Bodyguards protect individuals and groups from potential threats to their safety at events, when travelling and during everyday activities.

Average salary (a year)	Typical hours (a week)	You could work
 Variable	 37 to 51 variable	 evenings / weekends / bank holidays away from home

Different routes to get this job

(check the website for entry requirements)

You'll need to apply for a Close Protection licence issued by the [Security Industry Authority \(SIA\)](#) to work as a bodyguard.

To apply, you must first complete the Level 3 Certificate for Working as a Close Protection Operative course, which is done through an [SIA-approved training provider](#). You will also need a [close protection first aid qualification](#).

Day-to-day tasks

- protect clients from threats like terrorism, political opponents, stalkers or over-enthusiastic press and fans
- check out and secure premises before clients arrive
- identify suspicious behaviour or unauthorised people
- diffuse situations before they flare up
- remove clients from potentially dangerous situations
- drive clients to events or accompany them during travel

Skills and knowledge

- knowledge of public safety and security
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- concentration skills
- leadership skills
- physical fitness and endurance
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- the ability to think clearly using logic and reasoning
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device