

PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR / SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

What is PISGS? Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS) licenses and regulates private investigation and security guard companies working in Ohio. There are more than 800 companies with 22,000 registered employees. PISGS is part of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

Who is licensed? Ohio law requires people or companies offering security or investigation services to obtain a license. Licensed companies also must register employees. Providing investigation or security services without a license is a crime.

Why a license? A license demonstrates a basic level of professional responsibility, competence and compliance with the law. PISGS verifies a company is insured, operated by a qualifying agent with appropriate experience, and that employees undergo criminal background checks. Registered employees are continuously monitored by the state's *Rapback* system, which notifies PISGS if a guard or investigator is arrested. An unlicensed company is a liability for businesses, their employees and customers, and jeopardizes public safety.

How do I know if a security provider is licensed? The PISGS home page (<http://pisgs.ohio.gov/>) includes a searchable list of licensed providers. Also, you may call (614) 466-4130.

ABC SECURITY
LICENSE #: 66198503019
FIREARM ENDORSEMENTS

EXPIRATION DATES		
REVOLVER	AUTOMATIC	SHOTGUN
N/A		N/A

STATE of OHIO
SECURITY OFFICER

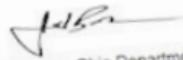


MILLER,
PATRICK

REGISTRATION #: 20151100142550
ISSUED: 09/28/2015 EXPIRES: 09/28/2016

D.O.B.	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
05/06/1955	6' 0"	195 LBS
HAIR	EYES	
GRAY	BLUE	




Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety

ID CARD

How do I know if a security guard or private investigator is registered? Contact PISGS. Also, you can ask guards or private investigators to show you a state PISGS identification card, which they are required to carry. The ID card indicates whether the person is registered as a security guard, private investigator, or both — and the company for whom they are authorized to work. The card includes an expiration date and will show if the person is permitted to carry a firearm.

Can security guards or investigators carry firearms? Only security guards and private investigators with a Firearm Bearer (FAB) notation on their PISGS ID card are permitted to carry a firearm on duty. To obtain an FAB, the guard or investigator must successfully complete additional training and criminal background checks. A permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) does not authorize a security guard or investigator to carry a firearm on duty.

What if I suspect a security provider is operating without a license or in violation of law? Call the PISGS Enforcement Unit: (614) 752-7743, or email PISG@dps.ohio.gov or text a tip to (614) 705-2TIP (2847). PISGS Enforcement investigates allegations of unlicensed activity, as well as wrongdoing by licensed providers. Operating an unlicensed security or investigation business is a misdemeanor for a first offense, and a felony for repeat offenses. We investigate unlicensed activity, unregistered employees working without a PISGS ID card, and guards or investigators carrying a firearm on duty without proper credentials, and other allegations of wrongdoing.

Does PISGS work with other agencies? For criminal cases involving unlicensed activity, PISGS typically partners with a law-enforcement agency and local officials, including prosecutors. PISGS is available to brief agencies about R.C. 4749 and issues related to security and private investigations.

[HTTP://PISGS.OHIO.GOV](http://PISGS.OHIO.GOV)

1970 WEST BROAD STREET
PO BOX 182001
COLUMBUS OH 43218-2001

PHONE: (614) 466-4130 FAX: (614) 466-0342
TEXT: (614) 705-2TIP (2847)