



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SECURITY LTD

We, the undersigned,
commit to honour the Armed Forces Covenant
and support the Armed Forces Community.
We recognise the value Serving Personnel (Regular & Reserve),
Cadets, Veterans, and military families contribute to our
business/school/charity and our country.

Signed: _____

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Position: Company Director _____

Date: 15.11.2019 _____



The Armed Forces Covenant

An Enduring Covenant Between

The People of the United Kingdom

Her Majesty's Government

– and –

All those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown

And their Families

The first duty of Government is the defence of the realm. Our Armed Forces fulfil that responsibility on behalf of the Government, sacrificing some civilian freedoms, facing danger and, sometimes, suffering serious injury or death as a result of their duty. Families also play a vital role in supporting the operational effectiveness of our Armed Forces. In return, the whole nation has a moral obligation to the members of the Naval Service, the Army and the Royal Air Force, together with their families. They deserve our respect and support, and fair treatment.

Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether Regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

This obligation involves the whole of society: it includes voluntary and charitable bodies, private organisations, and the actions of individuals in supporting the Armed Forces. Recognising those who have performed military duty unites the country and demonstrates the value of their contribution. This has no greater expression than in upholding this Covenant.

Section 1: Principles Of The Armed Forces Covenant

1.1 We **GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SECURITY LTD** will endeavour in our business dealings to uphold the key principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, which are:

- *no member of the Armed Forces Community should face disadvantage in the provision of public and commercial services compared to any other citizen*
- *in some circumstances special treatment may be appropriate especially for the injured or bereaved.*

Section 2: Demonstrating our Commitment

2.1 **GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY SECURITY LTD** recognises the value serving personnel, reservists, veterans and military families bring to our business. We will seek to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Covenant, by:

- **promoting the fact that we are an armed forces-friendly organisation;**
 - *The Covenant logo will be visible on the Company website, social media and placed with our accreditations. Our Covenant Pledge will be made available on our website*
- **seeking to support the employment of veterans young and old:**
 - *We will work with and advertise any vacancies that arise through the Career Transition Partnership (CTP), as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces Community, to ensure employment opportunities are made available to Veterans*
 - *welcoming applications from Veterans who meet the criteria in the job specification*
 - *We will recognise military skills and qualifications in our recruitment and selection process*
- **striving to support the employment of Service spouses and partners;**
 - *When the need for recruitment arises, we will work with and advertise vacancies with Recruit for Spouses, as well as advertising widely in the Armed Forces Community,*
 - *Welcoming applications from spouses/partners who meet the criteria in the job specification*
 - *We will endeavour to offer a degree of flexibility, where possible, in granting leave for Service spouses and partners before, during and after a partner's deployment*
- **seeking to support our employees who choose to be members of the Reserve forces, including accommodating their training and deployment where possible;**
 - *staff are actively encouraged to become Reservists*

- *up to 1 week per year of special paid leave is available to attend annual training camps*
 - *accommodation of Reserve training commitments wherever possible*
 - *fully supporting and accommodating mobilised deployment of Reservist employees if required*
- **offering support to our local cadet units, either in our local community or in local schools, where possible;**
 - *All staff are encouraged to volunteer and support local cadet units*
 - *The Company Director is a uniformed volunteer at the local Sea Cadet unit*
 - *Up to 1 week per year of special paid leave may be available to attend annual training camps and courses*
 - *We will aim to accommodate time off for staff to attend cadet events and training courses*
 - *Aim to provide sponsorship and donations to local cadet units*
 - *Offer a discount on our services to local cadet units*
- **aiming to actively participate in Armed Forces Day;**
 - *We will look to become an AFD Partner*
 - *We will promote the event in advance through our social media networks*
 - *We will encourage employees to take part in Reserve Forces Day, Uniform to Work Day and any Flag Raising Ceremonies; assisting with case studies and stories and working with the Wessex RFCA to get them to press*
 - *We will publish and share media content and stories on our social media networks and will work with the RFCA Communications lead & the press*
- **offering a discount to members of the Armed Forces Community;**
 - *The Company is registered with the Blue Light Card and Defence Discount Service*
 - *Offering discounts to members of the Armed Forces Community*
- **additional commitments:**
 - *We will encourage and support employee fundraising for Service Charities*

2.2 We will publicise these commitments through our literature and/or on our website, setting out how we will seek to honour them and inviting feedback from the Service community and our customers on how we are doing.