

### **CONTRACTED FIRE WATCH SERVICES**

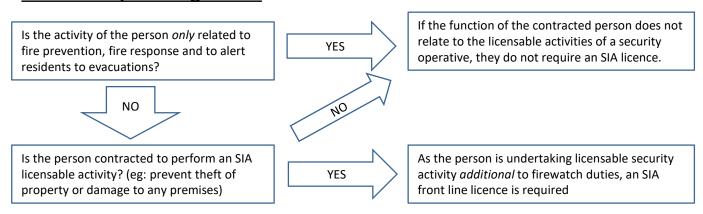
This guide explains whether someone who does Fire Watch / Waking Watch roles needs a Security Industry Authority (SIA) licence.

Some residential properties use a Fire Watch service. This can include patrols or key holding services (fire alarm response). In some cases, this service is bought-in from a third party supplier, and the service may be expanded to include security functions such as the prevention of damage or theft.

Anyone contracted from a third party supplier who performs an SIA licensable activity\* must have an SIA licence or a licence dispensation notice (LDN) issued by an SIA approved contractor\*\*. If they do not then they are breaking the law.

## Do they need a licence?

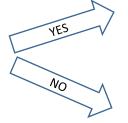
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# **Keyholding**

Under a contract for services, does a person hold keys to premises for SIA licensable security purposes?

This includes protecting premises against unauthorised entry, as well as providing information about a security incident.



The person will need an SIA Key Holding licence. The holders of any SIA licence may also perform Key Holding activities (second licence not required).

If the job of the contracted person does not relate to the activities of a security operative, they do not require an SIA licence.

Whatever your job title, contracted staff who perform security licensable activities must be holders of an SIA licence.

Visit the SIA website for more detail on what is a licensable activity and a list of Approved Contractors.

#### **Notes:**

- \* A definition of licensable activity can be found on the SIA website.
- \*\*An explanation of licence dispensation notices (LDNs) can be found on the SIA website.