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# The hazards of being a security guard

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It seems like security guards are everywhere, watching our every movement. But there are only 12,100 security guards in Minnesota.

The job of a security guard might seem dull to many people, but it is punctuated with moments of intense action.

From 2003 through 2008, there have been 424 indemnity claims for security guards in industries other than health care. (Security guards in health care are often involved in actions to control patients in mental health facilities, which involves different tasks than security guards in other industries.) That's an average of 70 claims a year.

Here's some information to make you an instant expert on the subject. Share it with a security guard you know.

