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Foreword

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At the time of publication, the British Standards that have been aligned with this standard and therefore can be used in conjunction with this standard are:

- BS 7499, *Provision of static guarding security services – Code of practice*; and
- BS 7984-3, *Keyholding and response services – Part 3: Provision of mobile security services – Code of practice*.

It is intended that over time the following British Standards will be aligned with BS 10800 when they are next revised:

- BS 7872, *Manned security services – Cash and valuables in transit services (collection and delivery) – Code of practice*;
- BS 7958, *Closed circuit television (CCTV) – Management and operation – Code of practice*;
- BS 7960, *Door supervision – Code of practice*;
- BS 7984-1, *Keyholding and response services – Part 1: General recommendations for keyholding and response services*;
- BS 7984-2, *Keyholding and response services – Part 2: Lone worker response services*;
- BS 8406, *Event stewarding and crowd safety – Code of practice*;
- BS 8494, *Provision of lone worker services – Code of practice*;
- BS 8507-1, *Code of practice for close protection services – Part 1: Services within the United Kingdom*;
- BS 8507-2, *Code of practice for close protection services – Part 2: Services outside of the United Kingdom*;
- BS 8517-1, *Security dogs – Part 1: Code of practice for the use of general purpose security dogs*;
- BS 8517-2, *Security dogs – Part 2: Code of practice for the use of detection dogs*;
- BS 8523, *Management and operation of warden schemes – Code of practice*; and
- BS 8593, *Code of practice for the deployment and use of Body Worn Video (BWV)*.

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Introduction

This British Standard details the manner in which an organization manages the provision of security services at a strategic level. Its recommendations are equally applicable across the security sector. For further sector-specific recommendations, organizations can refer to the applicable British Standard (e.g. BS 7984-3 for mobile patrolling or BS 7499 for static guarding).

Although this British Standard is aimed at organizations that provide security services on a contracted basis, its provisions and guidelines could be equally applicable to those companies operating an in-house service provision.

1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the management, staffing and operation of an organization providing security services.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document.¹⁾ For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 7858, *Screening of individuals working in a secure environment – Code of practice*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1 assignment instructions

operational documented information retaining site-specific contractual duties

NOTE The document can be either a hard copy or an electronic copy.

3.2 bought-in-labour

licensed or unlicensed labour employed and/or supplied by a third party to temporarily supplement the contracting company's own workforce

NOTE When deployed, bought-in-labour remains under the direction and control of the contracting company's management.

3.3 competence

being suitably trained and qualified by knowledge and practical experience, and provided with the necessary instructions to enable the required task(s) to be carried out correctly

3.4 control room

location where operational procedures are monitored and/or managed

3.5 customer

individual or body retaining the services of an organization

¹⁾ Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.