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Foreword

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This British Standard is aligned with BS 10800:2020, which provides generic operational recommendations. It is intended that organizations follow the recommendations of both BS 10800:2020 and this standard.

This British Standard is part of the BS 7984 series, which contains the following parts:

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

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Introduction

This British Standard gives recommendations for mobile patrol services. It details the manner in which an organization manages the service provision of mobile patrolling and how it responds to an event. In addition to key management, this standard further details what is expected of a control room and vehicles used for the storage of keys.

Although this British Standard is aimed at organizations that provide mobile patrol 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 mobile patrol services.

This British Standard does not apply to lone worker response services, static guarding and keyholding and response services.

NOTE Recommendations for keyholding and response services are given in BS 7984-1. Recommendations for lone worker response services are given in BS 7984-2. Recommendations for static guarding are given in BS 7499.

This British Standard assists procurers of mobile patrol services such as security companies and agencies, building management companies, local authorities and others in promoting compliance.

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*

BS EN 50131-1, *Alarm systems – Intrusion and hold-up systems – Part 1: System requirements*

PD 6662, *Scheme for the application of European Standards for intrusion and hold-up alarm systems*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1 assignment instructions

operational documented information detailing site-specific contractual duties

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

3.2 check call

routine communication to verify the location and status of a mobile patrol officer on an assignment

3.3 competent person

person, 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

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