

Body armour for civilian security staff

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A suite of documents intending to guide managers in the selection, procurement and management of appropriate body armour for their civilian security staff.

Security managers should consider whether there is a need to procure appropriate body armour for their staff to provide protection against attacks using knives and firearms.

The current standards for body armour have been developed by the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory's (Dstl) Centre for Applied Science and Technology (previously Home Office). Although they were primarily intended for use by police forces they are also appropriate for other users. Dstl maintains a list of accredited products which have been found to meet the standards when tested at approved facilities.

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