

Armed Private Security Guard "Sworn Peace Officer Exemption"

RCW 18.170.010 (21) "Sworn peace officer" means a person who is an employee of the federal government, the state, a political subdivision, agency, or department branch of a municipality, or other unit of local government, and has law enforcement powers.

RCW 18.170.020 (3) A sworn peace officer while ... in off-duty employment as a private security guard [is entirely exempt from Chapter 18.170] but only if the employment is approved by the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction where the employment takes place ...



* LEOSA authorizes most retired LEO's to ignore state concealed carry laws. RCW 18.170 is not a concealed carry law, but an occupational licensing statute.

** WSCJTC waives firearms certification when fully commissioned current LEO's apply for Armed Guard license. LEO Retirees (within 60 months of retirement) and current Reserves need not complete firearms training, but must qualify on firearms proficiency test.

WA Dept. of Licensing Armed Guard License: <http://www.dol.wa.gov/business/securityguards/>

WSCJTC Armed Security Firearms Certification: http://www.cjtc.state.wa.us/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=148&Itemid=66