

## Working in the armed forces and security

Armed services and security offer a wide and interesting range of careers for men and women. There are many opportunities available including:

- bodyguard
- coastguard
- customs officer
- police officer
- prison officer
- security officer
- store detective
- traffic warden

The armed services are a major UK employer, with about 178,470 regular forces personnel (October 2010) and there are over 140 trade and professional jobs in the Army alone. The three main armed services are the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy (including the Royal Marines).



Whatever area you choose to work in, English and maths will be important. For instance, you may need to read information, follow instructions, use rotas, fill in forms, read maps, make calculations or write reports.

**For more information about jobs in the Armed Forces or Security**, call 0800 100 900 or go to:

Security and uniformed services on the **Next Step** website

<https://nextstep.direct.gov.uk/PlanningYourCareer/JobProfiles/Pages/JobFamily0030.aspx>

The **Army** website

[www.army.mod.uk](http://www.army.mod.uk)

Careers at the **Royal Air Force** website

[www.rafcareers.com](http://www.rafcareers.com)

The **Royal Navy** website

[www.royal-navy.mod.uk](http://www.royal-navy.mod.uk)