Module 3

Types of Patrols

The main purpose of a patrol is to maintain the security of the premises under the security guard's authority. Preparation for a patrol should always begin with an understanding regarding the purpose of the patrol.

The purpose of a patrol can change from time to time, even within a single shift. The first time that a patrol is made, security may focus on breaches of the property by an intruder; the second time, to make sure that the safety equipment on machinery in the area is functioning properly; the third time, to check again for intruders and breaches of the work site, and so on.

