

Additional Legislation

Powers of Arrest : Security guards have neither police nor peace officer powers. They have the same powers as any member of the public under the Criminal Code. Specifically, section 494 of the Criminal Code describes when it is appropriate for a member of the public to make an arrest.

If a security guard is guarding property and is authorized by the owner of the property or the person in lawful possession of the property, they may make an arrest for ANY criminal offence that is committed on or in relation to the property, as long as the security guard witnessed the offence being committed.