Prevention and detection of fires : The detection and prevention of fires is an essential part of the duties of a security guard. Whether on patrol or operating a fixed point, a security guard should be constantly on the lookout for fire hazards. Watching for the common things that are likely to generate a fire (for example, electrical equipment that produces heat or sparks when it shouldn't, combustibles placed near sources of

heat, or routinely scanning for evidence that a fire has already started such as alarms that have been activated or smoke and heat in places where they shouldn't be found) is likely to assist security guards in the performance of their duties.