

Private Investigator and Security Guard Information Note

The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Act 2012-01-10

Manitoba
Justice

Criminal Justice Division

The Honourable Andrew Swan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Manitoba announced that *The Body Armour and Fortified Vehicle Control Act* will be phased in between January 1st and April 1st, 2012.

Enforcement will not take place until April 1st, 2012.

A copy of the Act and Regulations are attached to this note for your information and reference.

The Act includes the following provisions:

- Prohibits possession of body armour unless a person holds a valid body armour permit,
- Restricts the sale of body armour unless a person holds a valid seller's licence or is exempt by regulation, and then only to exempt persons or permit holders, and
- Prohibits persons from owning or driving a fortified vehicle unless under permit or if exempt.

The Act provides exemptions to the permit requirement for body armour and fortified vehicles. **Licensed security personnel are included in the exemptions.**

Exemptions also exist for first responders, including police, fire, ambulance, band and community constables, provincial sheriffs, correction officers, federal employees and armoured vehicle service employees, who are required to wear body armour.

Individuals may apply for a permit to possess body armour or to own and/or drive a fortified vehicle. Applications may be granted after a screening process is completed by the Department.

For further information on the permit process please contact:

Brent Benoit, Manager of Public Safety Investigations at (204) 945-3552

If you need assistance developing a plan related to workplace personal protective equipment assessments, please contact Kevin Moncrieffe, Safety and Health Officer, Workplace Safety and Health, by phone at (204) 945-1777 or e-mail kevin.moncrieffe@gov.mb.ca.

If any further information becomes available on this matter a subsequent information note will be issued.

Information Notes are prepared by the Criminal Justice Division to disseminate information to stakeholders on new initiatives, training, as well as legislative and other developments that may impact the private investigator and security guard industry.