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PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES ENCOURAGES USE OF TEXT-A-TIP HOTLINE

COLUMBUS- Private Investigator Security Guard Services (PISGS), a component of the Ohio Department of Public Safety that licenses and regulates private investigation and security guard companies working in Ohio, has launched a tip-line to reduce unlicensed and/or unregistered activity.

PISGS encourages the public and industry to text-a-tip to (614) 705-2TIP (2847). Examples of tips include, but are not limited to: someone working who is unlicensed or unregistered; and/or someone carrying a weapon without the proper firearm authorization. Text PISGS any time you have questions about a security guard and we can verify he or she is working legally.

A license demonstrates a basic level of professional responsibility, competence and compliance with the law. PISGS verifies a company is insured, operated by a qualifying agent with appropriate experience, and that employees undergo criminal background checks.

PISGS enforcement investigates allegations of unlicensed activity, as well as wrongdoing by licensed providers. Operating an unlicensed security or investigation business is a misdemeanor for a first offense, and a felony for repeat offenses.



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