



# Texas Department of Public Safety

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Exploring the various  
regulatory programs within the  
Department of Public Safety

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## Regulatory Services Division

- Private Security
- Motor Vehicle Inspection
- License to Carry a Handgun
- Other programs

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/section/regulatory-services>



## Office of Regulatory Counsel

- Who we are?
- What we do?

# Private Security

- Statutory and Administrative Authority
  - Private Security Act, Occupations Code, Chapter 1702
  - Occupations Code, Chapter 53
  - 37 TAC Chapter 35
  - Government Code, Chapter 411
  - Administrative Procedure Act



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## Regulating private security

- Individual licenses, Occupations Code § 1702.221
  - Qualifications, Occupations Code § 1702.113
  - Armed licenses
    - Commissioned Security Officer, Occupations Code §§ 1702.161, .163
    - Personal Protection Officer, Occupations Code § 1702.201
- Company licenses
- Administrative and summary actions



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