

CATEGORY 1: HEALTH & SAFETY GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE

Case Study 7: Security Industry Compliance (SIA ACS, COP 119 & SSIP)

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1. The Client & Challenge

A rapidly growing security contractor offering static guarding, mobile patrols, and keyholding services needed to achieve SIA Approved Contractor Scheme (ACS) status, COP 119 compliance (labor provision), and SSIP accreditations (CHAS and SafeContractor) to satisfy mandatory corporate client conditions.

- **Client Profile:** Fast-growing Security Guarding & Patrol Contractor.
- **Challenge:** Strict client requirements requiring verified SIA ACS scores and accredited SSIP H&S standards.
- **Target Standards:** SIA ACS Indicators, BS 7858 (Vetting), COP 119, CHAS, and SafeContractor.

2. The Risk & Problem

Failing to secure these industry-specific accreditations threatened immediate cancellation of primary security supply contracts. Furthermore, unaccredited labor supply practices under COP 119 exposed the business to severe supply chain liability and reputational damage.

- **Contract Loss:** Existing tier-1 clients issued strict 90-day compliance ultimatums for SSIP and SIA ACS inclusion.
- **Vetting & Labor Liability:** Non-compliance with BS 7858 screening standards risking security breaches and license revocation.
- **Operational Hazards:** Mobile guards exposed to high-risk environments without standardized Risk Assessments & Method Statements (RAMS).

3. The Technical Solution

St George Consultancy executed a targeted compliance transformation program tailored specifically to security sector regulations.

- **SIA ACS & COP 119 Alignment:** Overhauled company governance, vetting protocols (BS 7858), keyholding procedures (BS 7984), and labor subcontractor audits.
- **Rapid RAMS Workflows:** Developed a rapid-deployment, site-specific RAMS creation workflow for mobile, static, and event security deployments.
- **SSIP Compilation & Submission:** Authored comprehensive Health & Safety Policies, environmental procedures, and compiled technical evidence for CHAS and SafeContractor audits.
- **External Audit Representation:** Acted as primary technical advisor during external certification body audits.

4. The Results & Business Value

Successfully secured all targeted accreditations ahead of deadline, positioning the company as an elite, fully certified security service provider.

- **Multi-Accreditation Success:** Secured SIA ACS accreditation, COP 119 approval, and dual SSIP status (CHAS Premier & SafeContractor).

- **Contract Retention & Growth:** Retained 100% of existing contracts and won an additional £800,000 in new multi-site security contracts.
- **Rapid RAMS Deployment:** Reduced RAMS compilation time from days to hours while improving site-specific safety coverage.
- **Zero Audit Deficiencies:** Passed external SIA ACS assessment with an above-average achievement score.