

Security Guards Encountering More People Disobeying State Health And Safety Guidelines

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Simi Valley, May 6, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - An increasing number of individuals are disobeying health and safety guidelines at stores and other locations patrolled by security guards, says [Access Patrol Services](#) (APS), a security guard company serving California and Arizona.

"Our hearts go out to the family of security guard Calvin Munerlyn who was fatally shot after he told a woman her daughter could not enter a Family Dollar store in Flint, Michigan without a mask," says Fahim Abid, APS security director. "He was just trying to do his job by protecting those around him but sadly, it cost him his life."

Abid says security guards go to work each day not knowing who or what they will encounter. They may be confronted with break-ins, vandalism, and on occasion, violent individuals. Security guards are currently in frontline positions and are given the task to make sure people follow business and government health and safety guidelines.

"From the feedback we've gotten from our guards, it seems more and more people now feel they do not have to follow these guidelines and are looking for ways to disobey," says Abid. "The Flint shooting is an extreme case, but the growing level of disregard for safety measures and an increase in violence is

disturbing."

Guards are sometimes the only protection in and around stores and businesses. Their presence often provides a powerful deterrent to criminal activity. It's their job to enforce rules that are set by the place of business, by law enforcement or government entity. They conduct screenings so only those allowed into a location or who are following the rules can enter. They also take the lead during emergencies. Security guard training is extensive and ongoing (yearly continuing education is required).

"The Flint tragedy was unusual, but security guards are the victims of violence more often than realized," says Abid. "It's important that employees and customers respect the security officer while they do their job."

About Access Patrol Services

Whether security is needed at an event, retail outlet, warehouse, commercial office building, medical facility or any number of other locations, Access Patrol Services uniformed security guards are on the job to keep people and places safe, to spot and respond to inappropriate behavior and provide assistance in case of emergency. Serving clients in California and Arizona, Access Patrol Services staff works with clients to analyze a location's security issues. Staff then develops a custom plan to fit the client's security needs. Our uniformed security guards are trained and licensed to deter crime, diffuse volatile situations, take the lead during emergencies, conduct security screenings, enforce rules and control access. 866-770-0004 <https://www.accesspatrolservice.com>

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