

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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## DIRECTORS STATEMENT

*"I am very happy to inform you that we have passed our SIA Audit and have scored higher than the previous year. I would like to say thank you to all the team members at Skysharp Solutions who have helped maintain the standards that Skysharp strives to achieve. This is a truly excellent achievement and Skysharp is delighted to continue to receive excellent scores in the SIA ACS accreditation."*

*This is our third year as an approved contractor. The auditor was very pleased with the company's performance and the quality assurance practises. He was equally pleased with the warm welcome he received from the management and he also stated "the company's performance in regards to the structure in the management has improved generously from five years ago". He was very pleased with every department from the Operations, Hr Management to the Security Officers.*

*Kind Regards*

### Special points of interest:

- Directors Statement
- Top tips to keep your home safe
- SIA News



## Accreditations




## Top tips to keep your home safe when on holiday

With the kids on summer break and the good weather having finally arrived, an estimated 45 million of us Brits will be planning to take a holiday over the summer. For police and firms like us, that means a whole lot of vulnerable properties and potential breaches of security.

### Summer Holidays

Top Tips For Keeping  
the While  
Day



<p><b>Double check locks.</b> It might seem obvious but you don't want to be having the "I thought <i>you</i> did it" conversation whilst halfway to Spain. Make sure you know who is in charge of checking all windows are shut and doors are locked when you leave, to avoid any vulnerable spots which might catch the eyes of a potential thief.</p>	<p><b>Timer switch.</b> Lights going on and off at regular intervals are a good indication that someone's at home. A dark house in the evening is a potential burglary waiting to happen. Solve this problem by buying a simple timer switch for while you're away.</p>	<p><b>Bribe a neighbour.</b> It's not full-proof if thieves are watching your property, but it's a good idea for Mavis next door to draw the curtains and open them again in the morning when she's popping over to water the begonias. Any sign of life is better than none at deterring thieves while your property is vulnerable. It's also worth asking someone to move the bin back after collection and remove any post stacking up by the door.</p>	<p><b>Don't close the gates!</b> People like to 'shut up shop' when they go away, but if your gates are open for the other 51 weeks of the year; it speaks volumes about its inhabitants not being around.</p>
<p><b>Don't announce an impending holiday on Facebook.</b> You don't know who's got access to that information so keep personal details like this off any social media pages – and refrain from tweeting about your fabulous holiday while you're away too!</p>	<p><b>CCTV.</b> Cameras act as a great deterrent to thieves. Link yours to a rapid response team and when the alarm is raised, you don't need to worry about not being there. Speak to Venture about how we can help - as your designated key holders, we are trained to deal with any issues that may arise, whilst keeping you informed at all times</p>		<p><b>Car at the airport?</b> See if you can arrange for someone to leave another on your drive while</p>
<p><b>Timer switch.</b> Lights going on and off at regular intervals are a good indication that someone's at home. A dark house in the evening is a potential burglary waiting to happen. Solve this problem by buying a simple timer switch for while you're away.</p>		<p><b>External lights.</b> Its well worth having a large light outside the front of your house which is motion activated. This gives a signal that any wrong-doers are being watched and their presence noted.</p>	
<p><b>Neighbourhood watch.</b> Join or set up a scheme and benefit from lots of eyes on your property and plenty of twitching net curtains if a stranger comes poking around.</p>			

## New SIA Licence Application Service with Post Office



The Security Industry Authority is developing a new and easier way for individual applicants to apply for their SIA licence. An agreement has been signed with the Post Office to launch the new service.

The service will be introduced this autumn and will make applying for a new SIA licence easier and cheaper; applicants will no longer need to routinely send in documents and a photograph, which can be costly and inconvenient.

This is how it will work:

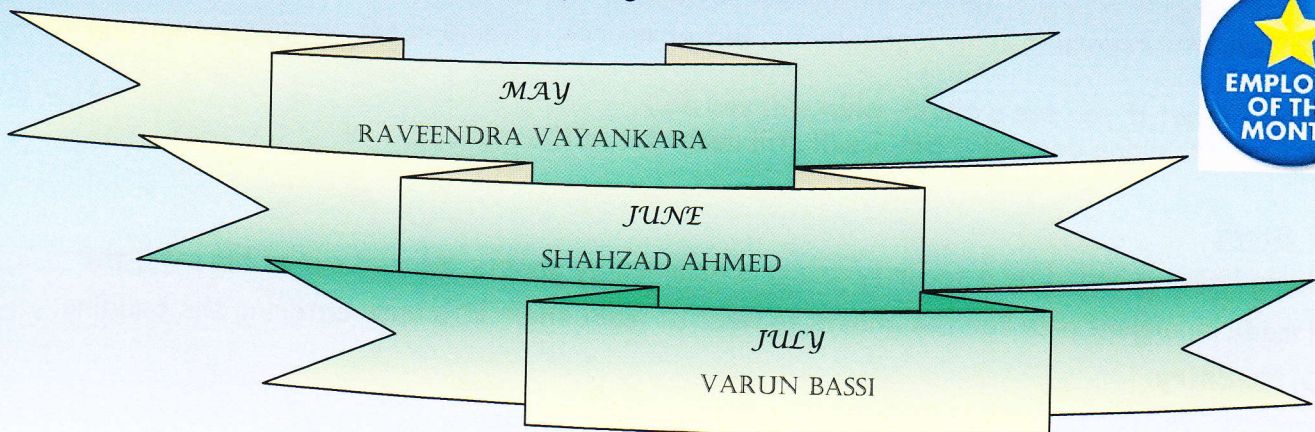
Applicants first log on to the SIA online portal and complete their application, they are then told which identity and other documents to take to the Post Office. When the applicant goes to the Post Office, the Post Office will check the online application details against the applicant's documentation and immediately return the documents to the applicant. The Post Office will take a digital photograph of the applicant, an electronic version of the applicant's signature, and payment of the application fee. The applicant will not be charged by the Post Office for using the service. The applicant's photograph and signature are sent to the SIA electronically by the Post Office. The SIA will add them to the application information already received and continue with its checks, just as it does today.

The new service will be available alongside existing methods of applying for a licence until early in 2014 when it will replace the paper application form as the way to apply for a new licence.

Reference: <http://www.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk/Pages/about-news.aspx?newsid=413&ArtTypeID=12>

## Employee Of The Month

Skysharp Congratulates



The company has taken a note of and appreciates your high level proficiency in handling the tasks assigned to you, your craving for perfection, your communication skills and your humble behaviour with all the staff members. The award consists of a certificate and voucher which is a token of appreciation of your exemplary work. The company expects you to keep the same spirit and extends best wishes for further achievements. We hope the company finds many such opportunities to congratulate you in the future.

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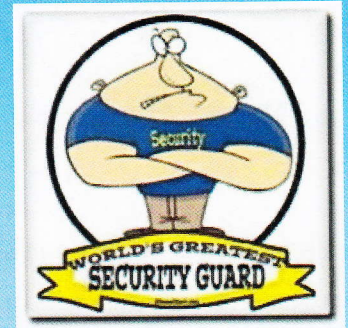
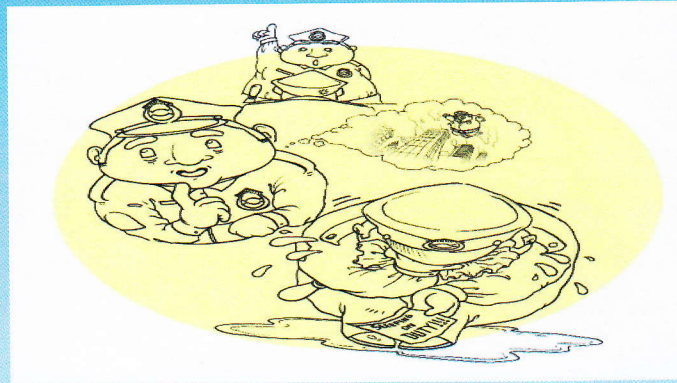
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## JUST FOR LAUGHS



### Logbook

Inspector and guard were talking:

Inspector: What will you do if there is an unusual incident in your area?

Guard: I will record it in my logbook, Sir.

Inspector: What if a beautiful lady passes by and invites you to go out?

Guard: I will still record it in my logbook, Sir. But of course, I would not leave my post until properly relieved.

Inspector: What if you see a ghost, what will you do?

Guard: Eh ... (thinking deeply) ... Sir, I will still record it in the logbook, Sir!

### Ghost Story

A building being guarded by a security guard is haunted by ghosts. Scared out of his wits, the guard made an urgent plea for the ghosts to wear at least their ID's upon entering the building. No ID, No Entry.

### Editors Note

The Skysharp Solutions Newslines is published quarterly at Skysharp Headquarters. Letters, comments and news from employees are invited.

*"I hope you have enjoyed this newsletter article as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. Let me know your thoughts and come and visit us:*

*[www.skysharpsecurity.co.uk](http://www.skysharpsecurity.co.uk). For more news and info on the company."*

Thank you

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