



SECURITY DRIVER TRAINING

At **Testudo Security Consultants Limited**, we pride ourselves on consistency and providing the quality of service that one expects. We consistently train, update, travel, review our work, acquire new knowledge, and provide the type of training that our participants seek. Driver training is important for all types of vehicles, and not just armoured vehicles. Being able to control any vehicle is equally as important, as road traffic accidents also happen when driving standard vehicles. We cover all levels of security driver training from beginner to professional level, the learning phase is extremely important for all participants who wish to become a security driver; a security driver is a recognized qualification as someone who is professionally trained and therefore a valuable asset to their organization. We have been conducting security driver training courses worldwide since 2007; our courses have since become highly respected and widely recognized as qualifications. We feel confident that our programme(s) and training concept is one of the best available in the World today, because we continue the consistency that has now become respected and appreciated by our clients. We remain one of the leading security companies providing this type of specialized training.

The Security Driver:

We include all subjects such as; driver assessment, vehicle dynamics, vehicle maintenance, armoured vehicle characteristics, safe handling and control. Knowing the limitations of an armoured or non-armoured vehicle prevents accidents and increases the driver's awareness. Safety during movement is a vital security component; training your drivers in security awareness can result in a life-saving decision. This includes controlling the vehicle safely or driving evasively in the event of an emergency. A security driver is not someone who can just drive fast with their sirens and emergency lights flashing, and hoping everyone else will get out of the way. It is important that the security driver is educated in the methods and tactics used by those that mean to harm or endanger staff members. Recognizing an attack even just seconds prior to it being initiated will result in saving the lives of the vehicle occupants. All our training courses are frequently updated and revised to ensure they meet the current threats and requirements. As a result of our continued commitment to clients both old and new we have redesigned and updated all our course programme(s) and offer a wider range of courses and modules so that you can choose the course syllabus that suits your organizations particular needs. All the courses offered are conducted to the same high standards and quality, regardless if this is for armoured or non – armoured vehicles. Furthermore; we can also tailor make and customize any course to your satisfaction.

Worldwide:

We also offer clients the possibility to deploy our **Mobile Training Team (MTT)** where requested worldwide to conduct the courses in the country where the training is required. Our teams are highly experienced and have previously conducted courses in operational high risk environments such as Afghanistan, Africa, Iraq and Pakistan for our clients on numerous occasions. If you cannot come to us, then we are prepared to come to you.

Mixed Training Modules:

The following selection of courses are available at both our European training centre in Jàvea – Xàbia, (Alicante) Spain and our Middle East training centre in Amman, Jordan. This offers clients the option to choose the course(s) which best suit your requirements and geographical location. Both facilities have the same working environment and terrain which was our aim and intention so clients can train in a Middle East type environment within Europe with fewer travel / visa restrictions. We currently have three (3) armoured vehicles at our Jàvea – Xàbia, (Alicante) training facility and one (1) armoured vehicle at our Amman, Jordan facility. With our preferred course group ratio of 2:1:1 (two participants per one vehicle with one instructor) this allows our European centre the possibility to provide a much higher standard of training. We strongly recommend that the initial minimum level of any training for drivers should consist of vehicle dynamics and control together with defensive driving. This ensures a continued progress over a three (3) day period and provides the drivers the ability to better understand and adapt to the improved techniques.

Some clients previously only sent their staff to attend our vehicle dynamics and control level, and then 1 year later returned for the defensive driving phase. Everyone had to take the confirmation test as the entry level and surprisingly all failed as they have reverted back to their old ways. If you are unsure which levels your staff should attend, please contact us for advice and our recommendations.

1–Day Pre–Employment Selection / Driving Test

This service has continued to be popular with many of our clients as we assist them in selection of applicants. We put the potential candidates through a short driving test and then provide a report and assessment on their skills and ability. This eliminates hiring the wrong person by saving the additional costs of conducting employment clearances. This also reduces the risk of sending them onto a driving course afterwards only to discover they fail the course due to their poor skills or bad / dangerous driving.

2–Day Familiarization / Vehicle Dynamics & Control (VDC)

This phase is the beginning level of our security driver-training programme and is designed to educate drivers from organizations the importance of vehicle language. Understanding vehicle language will reflect on someone's abilities in maintaining control of the vehicle at all times and in all types of conditions. Participants attend a 2-day technical driving course to experience and understand the differences between vehicle types and various road surface conditions. This is an important factor towards understanding why a driver must adapt to the vehicle and the road conditions. The course is conducted in two parts, Technical Theory (classroom) and Practical Driving (track). The classroom phase covers technical driving, which explains in detail the characteristics of vehicle behavior and explains vehicle language. Participants will also be taught correct vehicle maintenance, required daily checks, fault finding on causes and remedies. This phase of our training programme has been designed to certify staff members as drivers who can safely operate both armoured and non-armoured vehicles. At the end of the course, participants have to undergo a final timed driving confirmation test, which demonstrates if they have successfully understood the aspects of vehicle language and can implement them whilst

negotiating the course under test stress conditions. This is regarded as the minimum level of training any driver should receive. With armoured vehicles we also include introducing the characteristics of an armoured vehicle, explaining its security equipment, how and why this differs to a standard normal vehicle. We use fully armoured 4x4 vehicles so participants can be shown and taught on similar vehicles to the ones they could be using.

2–Day Refresher Training

This course is to provide those participants who have previously attended a course with us, but failed to successfully pass the criteria. This does not mean that they were bad drivers but maybe just required more time and practice to achieve the necessary standards. The main emphasis will be more practical driving and concentrating on vehicle dynamics and vehicle language so that they fully understand the correct means of vehicle control. The second day will see the participants move from the training area onto the open roads and includes an introduction to defensive driving and accident avoidance, how to anticipate other road users and passenger safety. Participants will be subjected to the same confirmation test, which they must pass to graduate from the course.

1–Day Defensive Driving

This is the beginning of the intermediate stage of our training in security driving and provides participants with an insight on the importance of passenger safety, how to anticipate other road users, and drive defensively in traffic. This phase demonstrates how to be more aware of their surroundings and contribute towards accident avoidance. We cover the importance of road positioning and awareness, correct route selection and techniques how to ensure safety (recognizing choke-points). This course is well suited for fleet drivers and also assigned security drivers in key positions, such as Ambassador, Head of Mission, CEO level who may or may not have a security detail to support them and the driver must be more vigilant during movements.

1–Day Evasive Driving Seminar

This 1-day seminar serves as an introduction for participants on how to react when they encounter a road block and the situation develops into a threat / attack. The seminar begins with a short presentation on methods and tactics used by criminals / terrorists. The seminar then progresses with the physical exercise which include mock attacks carried out by instructors using coloured marking equipment, designed to place the driver under stress and how to function during situations to improve their reactions skills. These exercises test the driver stress level and awareness of their surroundings and to define a life threatening situation. They may be required to use their vehicle to escape the threat which may mean that they must drive into another vehicle to break through the barricade. It is stressed to the drivers that the safety of every passenger in their vehicle is their responsibility. Past seminars have shown that some very experienced drivers were unable to control their nerves and make this decision. Some organizations actually award their drivers with a safe driving award for each year of avoiding an accident or not damaging their official vehicle; this has also caused a negative effect when they suddenly are required to ram the blocking vehicle

Due to the costs of the training vehicles; this course is normally only conducted for groups with a minimum number of 6 participants.



Driver Training

3–Day Self – Drive Course: (Jàvea – Xàbia, (Alicante) Spain)

This course is designed for self drive official / diplomatic personnel who are not assigned a driver, or must travel to regions and areas where their local driver is unable to accompany them. Participants are taken through the same basic driving skills on vehicle dynamics and control; they must also be able to pass the same confirmation test as the drivers. The third day is spent demonstrating route selection in and around city areas during peak traffic periods. This phase demonstrates how to be more aware of their surroundings and contribute towards accident avoidance. We cover the importance of road positioning and awareness, correct route selection and techniques how to ensure safety (recognizing choke-points). This course is recommended as the minimum level of training that overseas diplomatic staff should receive.

3–Day Advanced Training: (Jàvea – Xàbia, (Alicante) Spain)

This is considered as the advanced stage of the training is designed for those participants who successfully passed our basic course, and were recommended by us to further develop their skills. After completing the entry test, participants are taught evasive driving techniques for use only in cases of life threatening situations. This will involve learning how to conduct difficult maneuvers such as forward and reverse turns, and why they should only be used as a last resort. Participants will be educated in counter-surveillance techniques and learn how to move as a team of vehicles and the importance of establishing detection routes. Drivers will also improve awareness of their immediate surroundings and the skills required to assess the security of those surroundings. Participants will be tested on their awareness and ability to notice unusual situations and incidents. This includes drivers to conduct a night driving exercise in city area and receive evening homework in establishing routes that they will be drive the next day themselves. Moves will increase with difficulty and location; this will not only involve highway motorcades conducted at speed but inner city movement where the driver's of each vehicle have to assist one another. This course is highly recommended for assigned security drivers in key positions, such as Ambassador, Head of Mission, CEO level who may or may not have a security detail to support them and the driver must be more vigilant during movements.

4–Day Pre–Deployment Training Course: (Jàvea – Xàbia, (Alicante) Spain)

This specialized course is a complete package course for groups of six (6) to eight (8) staff from the same organization. This course includes the vehicle dynamics and control, confirmation test, defensive driving and basic levels of evasive driving. This course is highly recommended for overseas diplomatic staff and provides official staff an excellent level of driver training to prepare them prior to being assigned to their respective posts and duties. This course is not only suitable for self drive diplomats but also driven personnel and includes a unique technique of emergency / evasive driving. This is an essential part of responsibility for personnel operating in regions within Afghanistan, Iraq and other high-risk environments. **Contact us for more details.**



Driver Training

Legal Statement: Any participant attending a security driver training course conduct by Testudo Security is covered by a worldwide insurance liability policy against personal injury or damage. This insurance is provided by a major European insurance provider, we do not ask students to sign a liability waiver to participate at their own risk.

“How many other training providers who conduct security driver training courses offer you this?”

Course Dates: A list of course dates and our availability are regularly posted on our website. If you want a specific date then please contact us.

Professional Certification:

Sourcing a professional independent security consulting company today is becoming a difficult task; it has identified the importance of ensuring the companies operate under the “codes of ethnics” of the security industry. These regulations were established to protect clients from the non-professional companies who were offering services and products under personal financial gain from the vendor. Today; most organizations will only accept companies which are authorized as a professionally approved provider of security services. To demonstrates our continued commitment to clients to ensure they receive the best service possible, Testudo Security Consultants Ltd has been submitted to detailed background investigations and certification to achieve full membership of the following associations:



International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC)

<http://www.iapsc.org>



ASIS International

<http://www.asisonline.org>

Client Referrals: We do not post pictures, list names of clients or organizations on our website. As a professional security company we have a strict policy on client discretion. We do not provide any training services to private individuals or companies. If requested we can provide client referrals about our training and quality only after receiving prior permission from the client.