

**RULES FOR THE USE OF FORCE BY CONTRACTORS IN IRAQ**  
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ACTION NECESSARY TO DEFEND YOURSELF.**

1. **CONTRACTED SECURITY FORCES:** Cooperate with Coalition, Multi-national and Iraqi Security Forces and comply with theater force protection policies. Do not avoid or run Coalition, Multi-national or Iraqi Security Force checkpoints. If authorized to carry weapons, do not aim them at Coalition, Multi-national or Iraqi Security Forces.
2. **USE OF DEADLY FORCE:** Deadly force is that force which one reasonably believes will cause death or serious bodily harm. You may use **NECESSARY FORCE**, up to and including deadly force, against persons in the following circumstances:
  - a. In self-defense.
  - b. In defense of persons as specified in your contract.
  - c. To prevent life threatening offenses against civilians.
3. **GRADUATED FORCE:** You should use graduated force where possible. The following are some techniques you can use if their use will not unnecessarily endanger you or others.
  - a. **SHOUT;** verbal warnings to **HALT**.
  - b. **SHOVE;** physically restrain, block access, or detain.
  - c. **SHOW;** your weapon and demonstrate intent to use it.
  - d. **SHOOT;** to remove the threat only where necessary.
4. **IF YOU MUST FIRE YOUR WEAPON:**
  - (1) Fire only aimed shots.
  - (2) Fire with due regard for the safety of innocent bystanders.
  - (3) Immediately report incident and request assistance.
5. **CIVILIANS:** Treat Civilians with Dignity and Respect.
  - a. Make every effort to avoid civilian casualties.
  - b. You may stop, detain, search, and disarm civilian persons if required for your safety or if specified in your contract.
  - c. Civilians will be treated humanely.
  - d. Detained civilians will be turned over to the Iraqi Police or Coalition or Multinational Forces as soon as possible.
6. **WEAPONS POSSESSION AND USE:** Possession and use of weapons must be authorized by the Ministry of Interior and must be specified in your contract.
  - a. You must carry proof of weapons authorization.
  - b. You will maintain a current weapons training record.
  - c. You may not join Coalition or Multi-national Forces in combat operations except in self-defense or in defense of persons as specified in your contracts.
  - d. You must follow Coalition or Multi-national Force weapons condition rules for loading and clearing.

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