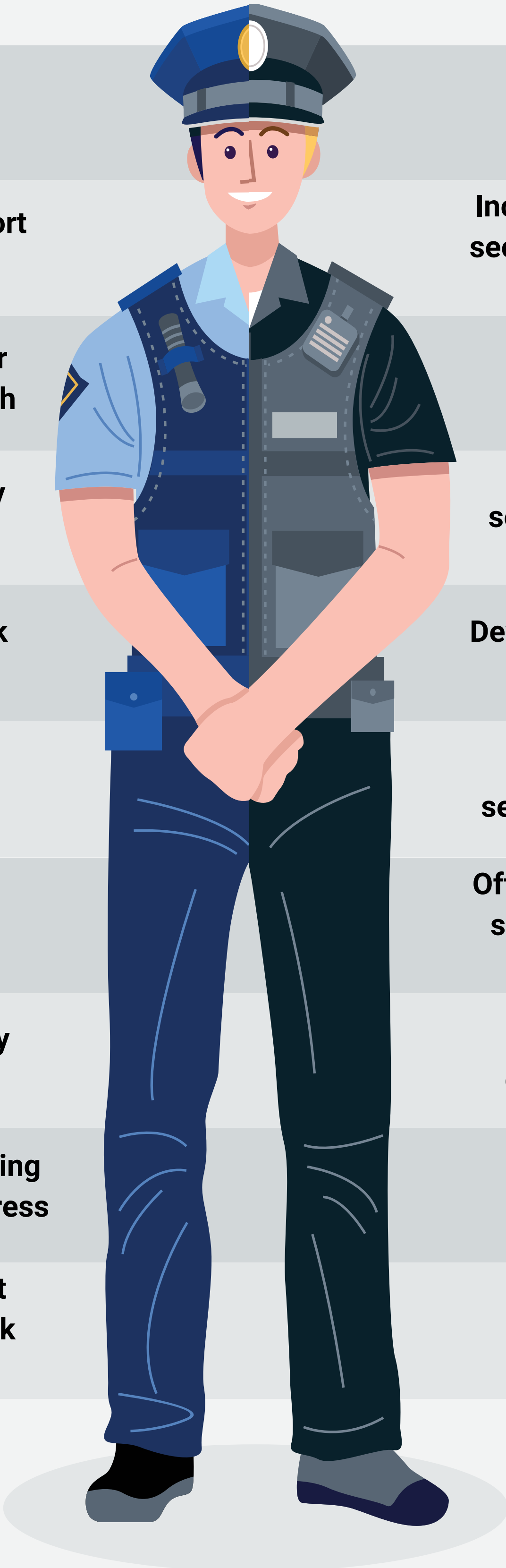


Security Guard

Security Officer



Job Level	Entry-level	Higher-level with more authority
Primary Responsibilities	Detect, deter, observe and report potential security risks	Includes guard duties, plus managing security procedures, training staff and overseeing operations
Proactive vs. Reactive Roles	Often focuses on proactive or reactive roles, sometimes both	Oversees both proactive and reactive security strategies
Supervision	Typically reports to a security officer or senior staff	Supervises guards, enforces security protocols and collaborates with law enforcement
Special Duties	May screen individuals, check bags or control access	Develops safety protocols, leads drills and manages emergency plans
Work Environments	Fixed posts, mobile patrols, events or private properties	Offices, multi-site patrols, high-security venues or government sites
Training & Education	High school diploma and state-specific license	Often requires experience, advanced security training and sometimes a criminal justice degree
Licensing Requirements	Varies by state; basic security license often required	Advanced licenses or certifications may be necessary
Skill Set	Attention to detail, problem-solving and ability to stay calm under stress	Leadership, strategic planning and organizational skills
Legal Authority	Limited; security staff are not law enforcement but may work with police when needed	Similar authority but with added responsibilities