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Security Guard Research Review

A look at some looks at those who stand guard

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The Psychotic Patient as Security Guard

"The Psychotic Patient as Security Guard," J.A. Silva, G.B. Leong and R. Weinstock, *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, vol. 38, no. 6, November 1996, pp. 1436-40. The authors explain that:

The job of the security guard is generally regarded as stressful because of the potential for violent or other hostile confrontation. Although the public assumes that only mentally healthy individuals who possess the capability to handle stressful situations become employed as security guards, this may not be the case. A series of 15 individuals who suffered from psychotic disorders while working as security guards is studied and discussed... One case is described in detail in order to highlight important issues resulting from being psychotic while working as a security guard.

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The Psychotic Patient As Security Guard

Awake, But Not Very

"Self-Reported Health and Well-Being Amongst Night Security Guards: A Comparison with the Working Population," L. Alfredsson, et al., *Ergonomics*, vol. 34, no. 5, May 1991, pp. 525-30. The authors, who are at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm, Sweden, report that:

[M]ale permanent night security guards were interviewed with regard to the occurrence of various symptoms during the previous 12-month period. The results were compared with the results from similar interviews with a representative national sample of males in the Swedish workforce. ... The results showed that the security guards had a 2-3 times higher occurrence of sleep disturbances and fatigue than the national sample.

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