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PRIVATE DETECTIVE AND AGENCY PRACTICE  
REQUIREMENTS

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**RL 33.01 Licensee's responsibility to obtain and maintain bond or liability policy.** (1) Licensees are responsible for obtaining and maintaining a bond or liability policy. The comprehensive general liability policy required by s. 440.26(4), Stats., shall include coverage for bodily injury liability, property damage and personal injury. The policy shall also include coverage for injury or damage resulting from the use of firearms if an agency permits anyone associated with it to carry a firearm in the course of duty. Evidence of a comprehensive general liability policy shall consist of a certificate of insurance stating the licensee as insured and the department as certificate holder.

(2) Each licensee shall be responsible for maintaining without lapse in coverage the bond or comprehensive general liability policy submitted to the department before the issuance of an original or renewal license.

(3) If a private detective agency obtains a comprehensive general liability policy the policy shall cover all licensed private detectives and private security personnel employed by the agency.

**Note:** This provision clarifies that an individual licensed employee is not required to obtain a bond or liability policy if the employee is covered by the employing agency's liability policy.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88.

**RL 33.02 Private security persons to wear uniforms.** A private security person holding a permit shall wear a uniform while on duty. A person may perform security guard services as a private security person without wearing a uniform only if the person is licensed as a private detective or is exempt by law from the requirement for a license or permit.

**History:** Cr. Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88.

**RL 33.03 Identification tags.** A private detective agency shall furnish all employees acting as private security personnel with an identification or name tag which shall at a minimum contain the person's name, number or other information which clearly identifies the person and the agency, or the person and the entity contracting with the agency. A private detective agency shall ensure that all employees who act as private security personnel wear identification or name tags which are visible to the public at all times and comply with this rule.

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**RL 33.04 Agency photo identification.** A licensed private detective agency shall furnish all employees acting as private detectives with an identification which shall contain at a minimum a current full face, head

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and shoulders color photograph of the person, the person's name and the name and address of the agency.

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**RL 33.05 Badges, shields and stars prohibited.** Licensees may not wear, use or display any badge, shield or star in the course of acting as a private detective.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1988, No. 394, eff. 11-1-88.

**RL 33.06 Avoiding conflicts of interest in employment.** (1) A private detective shall not provide private detective services to a client in any situation where the exercise of the private detective's independent professional judgment in behalf of a client will be or is likely to be adversely affected.

(2) A private detective agency may not provide services to 2 clients when the provision of services to one client directly and adversely affects the interests of the other client without the knowledge and written consent of the clients.

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