



Constitutional duties of the Public Security Police

1. Ensure security conditions that allow the exercise of rights and freedoms and respect for guarantees of citizens and the full functioning of democratic institutions, respect for legality and the rule of law;
2. Ensure order and public peace and security and the protection of persons and property;
3. Preventing crime in general, in coordination with other forces and security services;
4. Prevent the commission of other acts contrary to the law and regulations;
5. Undertake criminal actions and administrative offenses assigned to it by law, delegated by the judicial authorities or requested by the administrative authorities;
6. Enforce the laws and regulations on land road and road transport and promote and ensure road safety, including through inspection, the planning and traffic discipline;
7. Ensure the implementation of administrative acts issued by the competent authority designed to prevent any breach of the law or its continued violation;
8. Participate in monitoring the entry and exit of people and goods in the country;
9. Protect, rescue and assist citizens and defend and preserve their properties which are in danger, for reasons arising from human action or nature;
10. Vigilance and the protection of sensitive points, especially road infrastructure, rail, airport and port, public buildings and other critical facilities;
11. Ensure security at shows including sports, and other recreational and leisure activities, as provided by law;
12. Prevent and detect situations of trafficking and consumption of narcotic drugs or other prohibited substances by means of surveillance and patrolling the areas referred to as traffic or local consumption;
13. Ensure compliance with laws and regulations relating to environmental protection, prevent and investigate offenses related;
14. Participate, in accordance with law and the commitments under agreements, international treaties and conventions, implementation of foreign policy, particularly in international civilian crisis management, peacekeeping, and humanitarian, in the police context, as well as cooperation missions international police and within the European Union and the country's representation in international organizations and institutions;

15. Contribute to the training and information on the security of citizens;
16. Undertake other duties as may be assigned by law.

They are also responsibilities of the PSP:

1. License, supervise and control the manufacture, storage, marketing, use and transportation of weapons, ammunition and explosive substances and similar which do not belong or are intended for the Armed Forces and other forces and security services, without prejudice to the supervisory powers legally entrusted to other entities;
2. License, control and monitor private security activities and training, in cooperation with other forces and security services and the General Inspectorate of Internal Administration;
3. Ensure the personal safety of members of state bodies and high domestic or foreign entities, as well as other citizens when subjected to relevant threat situation;
4. Ensure permanent contact point for international exchange of information on the phenomena of violence associated with sport.

The original Portuguese version of the PSP's constitutional duties can be found on their website at the following link.

<http://www.psp.pt/Pages/apsp/quemsomos.aspx?menu=1&submenu=1>