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## **Universal Protection Service Awarded Safety Act Protection**

Universal Protection Service, one of the nation's top 10 largest security guard companies, has been placed on an exclusive list of approved providers from the Department of Homeland Security, and now offers its clients Safety Act protection. In addition to the providing of security guard services, Universal Protection Service was also awarded Safety Act protection for Emergency Preparedness Services, which includes Fire/Life Safety Training. Universal Protection Service is covered under the Safety Act for "comprehensive fire/life safety and emergency preparedness services, including preparation of building plans, development of emergency response plans, training building personnel on fire/life safety issues, conducting fire drills and preparing for emergency events."

The Safety Act was enacted by Congress in 2002 as part of the Homeland Security Act to encourage the development and deployment of anti-terrorism technologies that will enhance the protection of our nation. With protection under the Safety Act, Universal Protection Service clients will receive limitation on liability to third parties to a predetermined amount of liability insurance coverage, exclusive jurisdiction in federal court for suits against Universal Protection Service, prohibition on joint and several liability for non-economic damages, a complete bar on punitive damages and prejudgment interest, and a reduction in the plaintiffs' recovery by amounts that the plaintiff receives from collateral sources.

"We are very excited that our application for the Safety Act designation has been approved," said Steve Jones, Co-CEO/Chief Operating Officer of Universal Services of America. "We feel that the extensive review that the Department of Homeland Security conducted on our company validates the programs that we have in place, and ensures that our customers receive the highest level of liability protection available."

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### **About Universal Protection Service**

Founded in 1965, Universal Protection Service combines an innovative mix of tradition with cutting edge systems and technology to keep pace with the ever-evolving needs of today's business environments. Headquartered in Santa Ana, Calif., with offices located throughout Arizona, California, Colorado and Washington, Universal employs hands-on, highly experienced management teams and continuous training to deliver consistent, high quality security solutions. Universal Protection Service is a division of **Universal Services of America**, which also includes Universal Building Maintenance, Universal Protection Security Systems and Universal Fire/Life Safety Services ((State Licenses: 1003458, 14417, 1025514, 0600, 58361)). Visit our website at: <http://www.universalpro.com>.