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Please ensure that your article has not been, and is not due to be, published elsewhere prior to its inclusion in the City Security magazine. All articles submitted are subject to approval of the editorial committee before inclusion in the magazine.

Please follow these guidelines when developing an article for submission to City Security magazine:

• **Articles and features must not profile a specific product, company or company's service.**

• **Please include:**
  - A proposed headline of fewer than seven words
  - A short summary of the article at the beginning of approximately 25 words
  - Sub headers of fewer than five words for each section
  - Where possible, bulleted lists of key points
  - Suggestions for quote boxes
  - Any photos or illustrations you would like considered
  - The author's name, title, and web address

• **If you would like to propose an article in one of these formats, please contact us:**
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• **For a one-page article: write between 700 and 800 words**
• **For a two-page article: write between 1,600 and 1,800 words**

• **Follow the City Security magazine Style Guide below.**

• **Format:**
  - Please supply your article in Microsoft Word
  - Images: Pictures and images must be high res jpeg or eps files at 300dpi

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• **Send your summary and articles to:**
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