



CASE STUDY

The Only Way is Essex (TOWIE) Thailand shoot



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The Only Way is Essex -Thailand Shoot

OVERVIEW

Our team was contracted to provide specialist close protection services and on-location medical support for the overseas filming of The Only Way Is Essex during production in Thailand.

The assignment required a comprehensive operational approach combining celebrity protection, travel security, medical readiness, logistical coordination, and rapid response capabilities across multiple filming locations throughout the production schedule.

Operating internationally within a high-profile television environment demanded discretion, adaptability, cultural awareness, and the ability to deliver continuous support in fast-moving and public-facing locations.



THE CHALLENGE

Filming an internationally recognised reality television series overseas introduced several operational and environmental challenges, including:

- Protecting high-profile cast members and production personnel in unfamiliar environments
- Managing security risks associated with public filming locations
- Coordinating secure transport between hotels, venues, airports, and filming locations
- Providing immediate medical support in remote and high-temperature environments
- Managing crowd interaction and public attention around cast members
- Supporting production schedules across multiple dynamic locations
- Coordinating with local authorities, venues, and emergency medical facilities

The production required security and medical teams capable of integrating seamlessly into the filming environment while remaining prepared for both operational and medical incidents at all times.

OUR SOLUTION

We deployed an integrated overseas protection and medical support operation tailored specifically to the production's filming schedule and risk profile.

Close Protection Services

Our close protection officers provided discreet but highly effective security coverage for cast members, VIPs, and key production personnel throughout the duration of filming.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Personal close protection for cast and presenters
- Advance venue and route security assessments
- Secure transport coordination and movement planning
- Hotel and accommodation security support
- Crowd management during public filming
- Airport meet-and-greet and travel security
- Liaison with local authorities and venue management
- Low-profile protection during leisure and off-camera activities

All operatives were experienced in working within entertainment and media environments, ensuring professionalism and minimal disruption to filming operations.



Medical Support Operations

Alongside our close protection teams, we deployed qualified medics to provide immediate medical assistance and welfare support throughout the production.

ON-SITE MEDICAL PROVISION

Our medical teams delivered:

- Immediate first response medical care
- Heat and dehydration monitoring
- Welfare checks for cast and crew
- Medical support during physically demanding filming schedules
- Incident response and treatment coordination
- Emergency evacuation planning where required

OPERATIONAL READINESS

To ensure effective medical coverage, we also implemented:

- Pre-planned routes to local hospitals and clinics
- Medical equipment deployment across filming locations
- Continuous communication between medics, security teams, and production staff
- Dynamic risk assessments based on location and environmental conditions

This integrated approach ensured rapid response capability across all filming environments.

Operational Delivery

Throughout the production period, our teams maintained a flexible and proactive operational structure.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- International travel risk assessments
- Daily operational briefings
- Environmental and location-specific threat analysis
- Contingency planning for medical and security incidents

COORDINATION & COMMUNICATION

- Direct liaison with production management
- Coordination with local services and venue operators
- Real-time communication between security and medical personnel
- Flexible deployment to match changing filming schedules

SPECIALIST PERSONNEL

- Experienced close protection operatives
- Qualified frontline medics
- Mobile response teams
- Supervisory personnel overseeing daily operations



THE RESULTS

The overseas operation was delivered successfully throughout the filming schedule with:

- **Safe movement and protection** of cast and production personnel
- **Immediate medical support available** across all locations
- Effective management of **public interaction and crowd attention**
- **No major security or medical incidents** affecting production
- **Minimal disruption** to filming schedules
- **Positive feedback** from production management and stakeholders

Our ability to integrate security and medical services into a fast-paced international production environment ensured both operational efficiency and cast welfare throughout the project.

CONCLUSION

Providing close protection and medical support for The Only Way Is Essex in Thailand required a highly coordinated and adaptable approach. Through proactive planning, experienced personnel, and seamless collaboration with production teams, we successfully delivered a secure, medically supported environment at all filming locations.

THIS PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS OUR EXPERTISE IN:

- **International close protection** operations
- **Television and entertainment** security
- **Overseas production** support
- **Medical and welfare** provision
- **Secure travel** coordination
- **High-profile** media deployments



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