

John Edwards, an Associate of SafeGuard, has over 37 years experience within the aviation industry working for British Airways (BA), British Airways World Cargo (BAWC) and International Air Transport Association (IATA)

John joined SafeGuard Security in 2015 to provide expert witness and litigation services in the areas of safety, security, risk management and quality assurance, with specific emphasis on aviation security, manned guarding, personal injury and goods-in-transit claims.

Following 9/11 John was a core member of the BAWC Crisis Management Team that led the divisional response to the terrorist attacks of 11 September 2001.

In 2002 he founded, and was the first Chair of, the Air Cargo Security Industry Forum. He developed 'Secure Freight', an IATA project to establish the first industry standards for air cargo supply chain security and a ground-breaking conceptual model of a next generation checkpoint and screen process. He also developed the first phased implementation assessment tool with other industry experts, now Smart Security – the project for airport passenger screening.

Other projects undertaken include managing an Intelligence Co-ordination Unit focusing on asset and data protection, loss prevention and investigation; cargo safety and security strategy including the carriage of dangerous goods; network-wide audits of safety and security performance; supply chain security and corporate quality assurance with responsibility for developing protocols and procedures for the carriage of special cargos, such as cash-in-transit and munitions of war.

John's strengths include strategy and programme development, gap analysis and closure, management systems development and implementation, performance analysis, and interpretation of data and information.



He has worked with a significant number of State regulators and has a strong cultural awareness and diverse experience of managing complex challenges

He remained with IATA until January 2015 rising to the position of Assistant Director for Security Policy before becoming an independent consultant and trainer. Since 2015 he has worked on projects in five European countries and two in Africa, in the areas of safety and all-risks management, security risk, crisis management, national auditor training (on behalf of European Civil Aviation Conference) and cargo security.

John is a Member of the Association of Independent Aviation Security Professionals. He holds a NEBOSH Diploma in Occupational Safety and Health, a Department for Transport Level 3 qualification in Aviation Security and a certificate in Air Accident Investigation from the University of Southern California.