

Escort, Courier and Hand Carrier – What's the Difference?

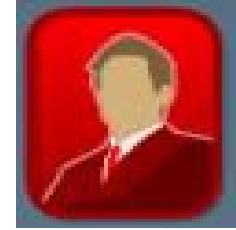


- An Escort is:



- a **cleared person**
- designated by the contractor
- who accompanies a **shipment** of classified material to its destination.
- the classified material does not remain in the personal possession of the escort
- but the conveyance in which the material is transported remains under the constant observation and control of the escort

- A Courier is:



- a **cleared employee**
- designated by the contractor
- whose **principle duty is to transmit classified material to its destination**

- A Hand Carrier is:



- a **cleared employee**
- designated by the contractor
- who **occasionally** hand carries classified material to its destination
- in connection with a classified visit or meeting

Do not confuse the act of carrying a package by hand, with the title Hand Carrier. A person who is a Hand Carrier or a Courier carries material by hand ('hand carries').