

## Companies House

### Secure Register, Directors at Risk

#### Companies Act 2006

Companies House have a SECURE DIRECTOR'S REGISTER, which has been established since April 2002.

The register was set up for Directors who felt that they were at risk due to their company's activities.

For example - Militant groups like Animal Rights Protestors targeting companies that test products on animals.

Directors that consider themselves at risk should

- Apply to Companies House for inclusion
- A risk assessment is then made by the Police.

There have been many high profile cases where directors have been the target of protestors.

#### **New Rules**

From October 2009 Directors will still need to file their residential address with Companies House but they will also have the choice of filing a service address.

The service address can be the same as the residential address, or the registered office address, or it can be somewhere different. The residential address will be held on a private register only available to predetermined organisations.