

Adelaide CBD Security Report

Local security guide - Adelaide CBD SA 5000 - Central Adelaide

About Adelaide CBD

Adelaide CBD is Adelaide's central business district.

The Adelaide CBD sits inside the city's grid of wide streets and squares, ringed by the Park Lands, and takes in Rundle Mall, the Hindley Street entertainment strip, the North Terrace cultural precinct and a growing apartment population. South Australia Police recorded 8,122 offences against the person and property in the suburb of Adelaide in 2025-26, down from 8,475 the year before and far more than any other suburb in the state. Theft from shops (1,543) and theft from a person (1,423) were the largest groups. The count covers offences against the large daily population of workers, shoppers and visitors as well as residents, so it is not a measure of any one person's risk.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Apartment towers and converted office buildings, student accommodation, heritage cottages and terraces in the south-east and south-west corners.

Inside the Park Lands, the south-east and south-west corners of the city still have streets of 19th-century cottages and terraces, while apartment towers, student accommodation and converted office buildings have spread through the centre and along the main terraces. Apartment residents share car parks, bike stores and lobbies managed by strata, and heritage homes often have narrow lanes behind them. Businesses range from Rundle Mall retailers to late-night venues on Hindley Street.

Common security concerns in Adelaide CBD

- Theft from shops in Rundle Mall and the city retail streets
- Smashed windows and damage to shopfronts after closing time
- Late-night crowds around Hindley Street

Local tip: Protect the shopfront day and night

Shopfronts on Rundle Mall, Rundle Street and Hindley Street face theft during trading hours and damage after close. Security film or a roller shutter on the glass, a monitored alarm with patrol response, and a camera that also records the footpath outside help with both, and footage of the street gives police more to work with when a window is smashed at 3am.

Security providers servicing Adelaide CBD

Allstate Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 0403 868 697 | <https://www.allstatelocksmiths.com.au/>

Fort Knox Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | ABN 51 071 671 219 | 1300 302 532 | <https://fortknoxsecurity.com.au/>

MBK Security Group - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence 409648996 | ABN 66 128 196 332 | 1300 023 333 | <https://mbksecuritygroup.com.au/>

Otaris - Cybersecurity for Business

Licence not published | ABN 91 119 807 706 | 1800 456 567 | <https://otaris.com.au/>

Before you hire: checklist

- Look up the licence number on the relevant state regulator register and confirm it is current.
- Check the ABN on the Australian Business Register (abr.business.gov.au).
- Hardwired 240V work needs a licensed electrician; in-wall data cabling needs an ACMA-registered cabler.
- For guards and patrols, confirm both the firm licence and each attending officer's licence.
- Get at least three written quotes listing camera models, recorder storage and warranty.
- Aim cameras at your own property and consider disabling audio on cameras facing shared areas.