

Brisbane CBD Security Report

Local security guide - Brisbane CBD QLD 4000 - Inner Brisbane, City of Brisbane

About Brisbane CBD

Brisbane CBD is Brisbane's central business district.

The Brisbane CBD sits in a bend of the Brisbane River and takes in the Queen Street Mall, the office and government precinct around George and William Streets, and a growing number of residential towers. The Queensland Police Service recorded 10,451 offences against the person and property in the Brisbane City police division in 2025-26, up from 9,219 the year before and the most of any division in greater Brisbane. Shop stealing (3,467) was by far the largest group, followed by assault (1,091) and fraud (944), which reflects the daily crowds of workers, shoppers and visitors.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Residential and serviced apartment towers, office towers, heritage sandstone buildings and shopping arcades.

Most people who live in the CBD are in apartment towers, from converted heritage office buildings to new high-rise near the river, where lobbies, car parks and lifts are managed by the body corporate and building managers. Offices and shops rely on the building's access control and security, adding their own alarms and cameras inside each tenancy. The Queen Street Mall and the arcades off it draw large crowds seven days a week.

Common security concerns in Brisbane CBD

- Shop theft in the Queen Street Mall and city arcades
- Access cards and fobs in apartment and office towers
- Late-night crowds and assaults around the nightlife areas

Local tip: Make shop theft harder without putting staff at risk

Shop theft is by far the most common offence in the city, with 3,467 recorded in the Brisbane City division last year. Retailers get the most from simple steps: staff greeting everyone who comes in, high-value stock kept near the counter or locked away, visible cameras over the entrance and the counter, and a clear plan for what staff should and should not do when they see a theft.

Security providers servicing Brisbane CBD

Barrier Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 64 604 803 563 | 0429 197 981 | <https://barrierlocksmiths.com.au/>

Epic IT - Cybersecurity for Business

Licence not published | 1300 374 248 | <https://www.epicit.com.au/>

JR Security Services - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence 4414318 | 1300 901 450 | <https://jrsecurityservices.com.au/>

Locksmiths 2 U - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 0404 037 349 | <https://locksmiths2u.com.au/>

Northside Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 07 3350 2077 | <https://northsidelocksmiths.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.