

Footscray Security Report

Local security guide - Footscray VIC 3011 - Inner west Melbourne

About Footscray

Footscray is about 5 km west of the Melbourne CBD.

Footscray is the busy centre of Melbourne's inner west, home to the Footscray Market, Nicholson Street Mall, a Victoria University campus and a fast-growing cluster of apartment towers near the station and the Maribyrnong River. The Crime Statistics Agency recorded 4,397 offences in Footscray in the year to June 2026, and the City of Maribyrnong was among the five Greater Melbourne councils with the highest offence rates.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Victorian and Edwardian weatherboard cottages, brick houses, new apartment towers, student housing.

Older Footscray streets are lined with Victorian and Edwardian weatherboard and brick cottages on narrow blocks, many with a side path and a rear lane or shed, while new apartment towers and student accommodation have risen around the station, the university and the river. Apartment residents share car parks, bike rooms and lobbies managed by an owners corporation, and shops around the market and mall have busy daytime trade and quiet nights.

Common security concerns in Footscray

- Side paths and rear lanes giving hidden access to the back of cottages
- Shared car parks and bike rooms in new apartment and student buildings
- Shops around the market and Nicholson Street Mall after trading hours

Local tip: Cover the side path of older cottages

Footscray's weatherboard cottages usually have a narrow side path running from the front fence to the backyard, often with a low or broken gate. It leads to the back door out of sight of the street. A lockable side gate, sensor lighting and a camera covering the path cover the area front cameras can't see.

Security providers servicing Footscray

ASAP Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 03 9510 3151 | <https://www.asaplocksmiths.melbourne/>

Hypower Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | 03 7036 9140 | <https://hypowersecurity.com.au/>

Intellect Information Technology Pty Ltd - Cybersecurity for Business

Licence not published | ABN 32 058 948 809 | 1300 799 165 | <https://www.intellectit.com.au/>

Protection Pacific Security - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence 418-312-31S | 1300 793 911 | <https://www.protectionpacific.com/>

Shield Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 0423 264 170 | <https://shieldlocksmiths.com.au/>

Walton Security - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence not published | 03 9970 8701 | <https://waltonsecurity.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.