

Geelong Security Report

Local security guide - Geelong VIC 3220 - Barwon, City of Greater Geelong

About Geelong

Geelong is about 75 km south-west of Melbourne.

Geelong is Victoria's second-largest city, on Corio Bay, and central Geelong holds the Westfield Geelong and Market Square shopping centres, Little Malop Street's dining strip, the waterfront, University Hospital Geelong and a Deakin University campus. The Crime Statistics Agency recorded 4,200 offences in the suburb of Geelong in the year to June 2026, up from 4,050 the year before. Theft from shops (666) was the largest group, followed by breaches of bail conditions (526), drug possession (296) and criminal damage (249).

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Apartments and townhouses in and around the city centre, Victorian and Edwardian terraces and cottages, and converted commercial buildings.

Central Geelong mixes retail, offices and hospitality around Malop, Moorabool and Ryrie Streets with a growing number of apartments and townhouses, while the surrounding streets have Victorian and Edwardian terraces and cottages and converted commercial buildings. Apartment residents share car parks and entries, and older terraces often have a rear lane, a timber back gate and original doors and windows that need better locks.

Common security concerns in Geelong

- Theft from shops in the city centre
- Shared entries and car parks in apartment buildings
- Rear lanes and older doors on terraces and cottages

Local tip: Retailers: make theft harder without confrontation

Theft from shops was the largest offence group in central Geelong last year, with 666 offences. Retailers get the most from greeting everyone who comes in, keeping high-value items near the counter or locked away, placing cameras over the entrance and the counter, and agreeing with staff that they observe and report rather than confront anyone.

Security providers servicing Geelong

John Scarlett Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 705-740-02S | ABN 80 682 758 505 | 0418 524 438 | <https://www.johnscarlettsecurity.com.au/>

Locktec Locksmiths Geelong - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 0414 212 240 | <https://www.lockteclocksmiths.com.au/>

Oz Wide Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | (03) 5222 1557 | <https://ozwidelocksmiths.com.au/>

OzSpy Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | 07 3806 4891 | <https://www.ozspysecurity.com.au/>

Rocky's City By The Bay Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 96 102 134 289 | <https://www.rockysaberdeenlocksmithsgeelong.com.au/>

Stan Wootton Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | (03) 5221 8988 | <https://www.swlocksmiths.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.