

Morphett Vale Security Report

Local security guide - Morphett Vale SA 5162 - Southern Adelaide, City of Onkaparinga

About Morphett Vale

Morphett Vale is about 25 km south of the Adelaide CBD.

Morphett Vale in the City of Onkaparinga is South Australia's largest suburb by population, with more than 23,000 residents, and runs along Main South Road through Adelaide's southern suburbs. South Australia Police recorded 1,399 offences against the person and property in Morphett Vale in 2025-26, down from 1,488 the year before. Theft (506), assault (375) and property damage (277) were the largest groups, and there were 131 serious criminal trespass offences, the South Australian term for break-ins.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: 1960s and 1970s brick veneer homes, former Housing Trust houses, newer estates in the east, units and retirement villages.

Most of Morphett Vale is single-storey brick veneer housing built from the 1960s onwards, including many former Housing Trust homes, with newer estates towards Woodcroft and Happy Valley in the east. Homes usually have a front yard open to the street, a carport or garage and a back yard with side access. Shops, trade businesses and offices line Main South Road and the local shopping centres.

Common security concerns in Morphett Vale

- Damage to fences, letterboxes, cars and garage doors facing the street
- Break-ins to homes with open side access to the back yard
- Shops and trade businesses along Main South Road after hours

Local tip: Cover the street frontage, not just the doors

Property damage was one of the biggest offence groups in Morphett Vale last year. Front fences, letterboxes, cars and garage doors facing the street are the usual targets. A camera covering the street frontage and driveway, recording at night and kept for at least two weeks, gives you something to hand to police, and sensor lighting across the front yard helps deter it in the first place.

Security providers servicing Morphett Vale

Adelaide Home Security Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 0406 149 917 | <https://adelaidehomesecuritylocksmiths.com.au/>

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/>

Papworth Security - Alarm Systems & Monitoring

Licence not published | ABN 27 580 610 738 | 0412 818 780 | <https://papworthsecurity.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.