

South Hedland Security Report

Local security guide - South Hedland WA 6722 - Pilbara, Town of Port Hedland

About South Hedland

South Hedland is about 1,600 km north of Perth.

South Hedland is the main residential and shopping centre of the Town of Port Hedland in the Pilbara, a few kilometres inland from the port that ships much of Australia's iron ore, with South Hedland Square, the Hedland Health Campus and housing for many mining and port workers. WA Police recorded 3,731 selected offences in the South Hedland locality in 2025-26, up from 3,340 the year before. Family assault (774), stealing (485) and property damage (481) were among the largest groups, and there were 218 burglaries and 96 motor vehicle thefts.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: 1970s and 1980s homes built for mining and port workers, units and townhouses, transportable homes and newer estates.

Many of South Hedland's homes were built in the 1970s and 1980s to house mining and port workers, with later units, townhouses and newer estates added as the town grew. A large share of homes are rented or company-owned, and many residents work long rosters away from home. Heat and cyclone season mean screens, shutters and battery backup for alarms and cameras matter.

Common security concerns in South Hedland

- Homes left empty during long work rosters
- Property damage and burglary
- Rented and company homes where changes need approval

Local tip: Keep watch while you work away

South Hedland recorded 481 property damage offences and 218 burglaries last year. Solid fences with lockable gates, security screens on doors and windows, and sensor lighting at the front and sides of the house all help. If you work fly-in fly-out or long rosters, an alarm or cameras that alert your phone let you check on the house while you're away.

Security providers servicing South Hedland

MBK Security Group - Security Guards & Patrols

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

OzSpy Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

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