

Toowoomba Security Report

Local security guide - Toowoomba QLD 4350 - Darling Downs, Toowoomba Region

About Toowoomba

Toowoomba is about 125 km west of Brisbane.

Toowoomba sits on the edge of the Great Dividing Range and is the main centre of the Darling Downs, with the Ruthven and Margaret Street shops, Grand Central shopping centre, Toowoomba Hospital, the University of Southern Queensland and the Carnival of Flowers each spring. The Queensland Police Service recorded 8,497 offences against the person and property in the Toowoomba police division in 2025-26, up from 8,189 the year before. Shop stealing (1,267), assault (1,211) and other stealing (1,112) were the largest groups, and there were 741 thefts from vehicles, 688 unlawful entries into homes and 452 cases of car theft.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Timber Queenslanders and Federation cottages near the centre, post-war brick homes, and newer estates on the edges of the city.

Toowoomba's older suburbs have timber Queenslanders and Federation cottages, many on sloping blocks with timber floors, verandahs and louvred or sash windows, alongside post-war brick homes. Newer estates on the edges of the city have brick homes with double garages. The cool, frosty winters mean windows are shut for much of the year, but older timber frames and doors often need new locks to be secure.

Common security concerns in Toowoomba

- Theft from cars and car theft
- Break-ins to older timber homes
- Shop theft around the city centre and shopping centres

Local tip: Keep cars locked and keys out of reach

The Toowoomba division recorded 741 offences of stealing from or entering vehicles last year. Park in a garage or behind a locked gate where you can, lock the car every time, and leave nothing in sight. Keep keys away from the front door, where they can be hooked through a letterbox or window, and cover the driveway with a camera that records clearly at night.

Security providers servicing Toowoomba

Century Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 3976078 | ABN 30 179 519 568 | (07) 4638 5120 | <https://www.centurylocksmiths.com.au/>

Defensor Security Systems & CCTV - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 4834434 | ABN 83 651 795 890 | 0412 853 618 | <https://defensor.com.au/>

OTR Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 4593717 | 0493 361 337 | <https://www.otrsecurity.com.au/>

SMART Alarms & CCTV - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 4944294 | 0459 943 223 | <https://smartalarmscctv.com.au/>

Suresafe Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 3244439 | ABN 48 447 881 284 | 0419 729 222 | <https://www.suresafelocksmiths.com.au/>

Toowoomba Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 75 118 526 830 | (07) 4632 6060 | <https://www.toowoombalocksmiths.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.