

Townsville Security Report

Local security guide - Townsville QLD 4810 - North Queensland, City of Townsville

About Townsville

Townsville is about 1,350 km north of Brisbane.

Townsville is the largest city in northern Australia, with the Flinders Street and Strand precincts, Castle Hill, a major port, James Cook University, Townsville University Hospital and one of the country's largest army bases. The Queensland Police Service recorded 6,224 offences against the person and property in the Townsville police division, which covers the city centre and inner suburbs, in 2025-26, down from 6,752 the year before. Assault (1,479) was the largest group, and there were 660 unlawful entries into homes, 659 property damage offences and 446 cases of car theft. The city's other divisions, Mundingburra and Kirwan, recorded 5,813 and 5,688.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Elevated timber Queenslanders and workers' cottages in the inner suburbs, low-set brick homes, and apartments near the Strand and the city centre.

Townsville's inner suburbs have elevated timber Queenslanders and workers' cottages with open undercrofts, verandahs and louvres, while later suburbs have low-set brick homes built for the dry tropics. Apartments near the Strand and the city centre share car parks and entries. Hot weather means windows and doors are often open, and cyclone season makes shutters, screens and battery backup for alarms and cameras important.

Common security concerns in Townsville

- Break-ins to homes and car key theft
- Car theft
- Assaults around the city centre and nightlife areas

Local tip: Keep car keys away from doors and windows

The Townsville division recorded 660 unlawful entries into homes and 446 car thefts last year. Keep keys and bags away from doors and windows, fit security screens you can lock to doors left open for the breeze, and add a monitored alarm or cameras that send alerts to your phone when you're away.

Security providers servicing Townsville

ADA Prime Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | (07) 4773 6655 | <https://www.adaprimesecurity.com.au/>

Lock It Up Townsville - Locksmiths

Licence 3550850 | ABN 62 509 290 697 | (07) 4728 3348 | <https://www.lockituptownsville.com.au/>

NQ Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 3265806 | ABN 72 619 855 926 | (07) 4774 0823 | <https://www.nqlocksmiths.com.au/>

OzSpy Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

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

Ruswin Integrated Security Systems - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 1300 787 946 | <https://www.ruswin.com.au/>

Sea Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 70 179 015 345 | 0401 939 321 | <https://www.sealocksmiths.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.