

Whyalla Security Report

Local security guide - Whyalla SA 5600 - Upper Spencer Gulf, City of Whyalla

About Whyalla

Whyalla is about 390 km north-west of Adelaide.

Whyalla is an industrial city on the western shore of Spencer Gulf, built around its steelworks and port, with the Westland shopping centre, Whyalla Hospital and a long foreshore. Across the suburbs of Whyalla, Whyalla Norrie, Whyalla Stuart, Whyalla Playford and Whyalla Jenkins, South Australia Police recorded 2,826 offences against the person and property in 2025-26, up from 2,481 the year before. Property damage (739) was the largest group, followed by serious assault (541) and theft from shops (386), and there were 229 break-ins to homes (serious criminal trespass).

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Post-war homes built by the South Australian Housing Trust for steelworks families, semi-detached homes, and newer brick houses.

Much of Whyalla was built by the South Australian Housing Trust from the 1950s to the 1970s for steelworks families, and its streets have post-war homes and semi-detached pairs on generous blocks, often with carports rather than garages. Many homes are rented. Newer brick homes have been added in later estates, and industrial sites and businesses near the port and steelworks need yard security.

Common security concerns in Whyalla

- Property damage to homes, cars and fences
- Break-ins to homes
- Rented homes where security upgrades need approval

Local tip: Fences, lighting and a camera on the street

Property damage was the largest offence group across Whyalla's suburbs last year, with 739 offences. A sturdy fence and lockable side gate, lighting at the front and along the side of the house, and a camera covering the driveway and the street make damage harder to do unseen and help identify who did it. Report every incident, even minor ones.

Security providers servicing Whyalla

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/>

Richards Lock N Safe - Locksmiths

Licence not published | (08) 8645 4142 | <https://richardslocknsafe.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.