

Cairns Security Report

Local security guide - Cairns QLD 4870 - Far North Queensland, Cairns Regional Council

About Cairns

Cairns is about 1,700 km north of Brisbane.

Cairns is the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the main centre of Far North Queensland, with the Esplanade, the city's shopping and nightlife streets, Cairns Central, Cairns Hospital, a busy port and airport, and large numbers of tourists year-round. The Queensland Police Service recorded 14,078 offences against the person and property in the Cairns police division in 2025-26, down from 14,699 the year before but still the most of any police division in Queensland. Assault (2,738), other stealing (2,192) and shop stealing (2,127) were the largest groups, and there were 1,541 unlawful entries into homes and 726 cases of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, Queensland's term for car theft.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Elevated timber Queenslanders and post-war homes, low-set brick houses, units and holiday apartments near the Esplanade, and newer estates.

Cairns has elevated timber Queenslanders and post-war homes built for airflow, with open undercrofts, louvres and wide verandahs, alongside low-set brick houses and newer estates. Units and holiday apartments near the Esplanade and in the city centre turn over guests frequently and share entries and car parks. Tropical weather means doors and windows are often open, and cyclone-rated shutters, screens and backup power matter for alarms and cameras.

Common security concerns in Cairns

- Break-ins through open doors, louvres and windows
- Car theft and theft from cars
- Shop theft and late-night assaults around the city centre

Local tip: Security screens for doors and windows left open

The Cairns division recorded 1,541 unlawful entries into homes last year. In the tropics, windows and doors are often left open for air, so fit security screens with proper locks to the doors and windows you like to leave open, lock louvres and sliding doors at night, and keep car keys out of sight of the doors and windows so a quick reach through a screen gets nothing.

Security providers servicing Cairns

Cairns CCTV Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 4616768 | ABN 23 788 148 979 | 0413 835 283 | <https://cairnscctvsecurity.com.au/>

DGC Tech Solutions - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 4005245 | ABN 40 698 327 794 | 0407 651 032 | <https://www.dgctechsolutions.com.au/>

Eddie Williams Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 17 164 058 057 | (07) 4041 7957 | <https://www.eddiewilliamslockssmiths.com.au/>

NQ Video Surveillance - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 3728525 | ABN 35 161 620 837 | 1300 360 383 | <https://www.nqvs.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/>

Troy Cummings Locksmith - Locksmiths

Licence not published | ABN 12 620 714 543 | (07) 4035 4308 | <https://www.troycummingslocksmith.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.