

Port Augusta Security Report

Local security guide - Port Augusta SA 5700 - Upper Spencer Gulf, City of Port Augusta

About Port Augusta

Port Augusta is about 310 km north of Adelaide.

Port Augusta sits at the head of Spencer Gulf, where the highways to Perth, Darwin and the Eyre Peninsula meet, with the Commercial Road shops, Port Augusta Hospital, the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden and a growing number of renewable energy projects nearby. South Australia Police recorded 2,719 offences against the person and property in the suburb of Port Augusta in 2025-26, close to the 2,701 of the year before, and a further 1,094 in Port Augusta West. Serious assault (613) and property damage (589) were the largest groups, and there were 251 break-ins to homes (serious criminal trespass) and 105 motor vehicle thefts.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Post-war homes built by the South Australian Housing Trust, older stone and brick cottages near the centre, and newer brick homes.

Port Augusta has older stone and brick cottages near the centre and many post-war homes built by the South Australian Housing Trust, on generous blocks with carports and back yards reached by a side path. Newer brick homes have been added on the edges of town. Hot, dry summers mean doors and windows are often open in the evening, so locking security screens are useful.

Common security concerns in Port Augusta

- Break-ins to homes
- Property damage to homes, cars and fences
- Car theft

Local tip: Screens, deadlocks and a locked side gate

SA Police recorded 251 break-ins to homes in Port Augusta last year, which South Australia calls serious criminal trespass. Keyed locks on windows, deadlocks and security screens on doors, sensor lights on side paths and a lockable side gate all make a house harder to get into. An alarm or cameras that alert your phone help if the house is empty while you travel.

Security providers servicing Port Augusta

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.