

Reservoir Security Report

Local security guide - Reservoir VIC 3073 - Northern Melbourne, City of Darebin

About Reservoir

Reservoir is about 12 km north of the Melbourne CBD.

Reservoir is one of Melbourne's largest suburbs, in the City of Darebin in the north, with the Edwardes Street and Broadway shops, Reservoir station and a mix of post-war homes and newer units. At the 2021 Census, 51,096 people lived in Reservoir in about 20,261 occupied homes: 63% separate houses, 32% townhouses or semi-detached homes and 4% apartments, and 36% of homes were rented.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Post-war weatherboard and brick homes, and many units and townhouses built on subdivided blocks.

Reservoir's streets were built up after the war with weatherboard and brick homes on large blocks, and many of those blocks now hold two or three units or townhouses along a shared driveway. Older homes have timber windows and doors, and front fences are often low. About 36% of homes were rented at the 2021 Census.

Common security concerns in Reservoir

- Units on shared driveways
- Older timber doors and windows
- Rented homes where changes need approval

Local tip: Shared driveways and units

About a third of Reservoir's homes were units, townhouses or semi-detached at the 2021 Census, many built behind an older house with a shared driveway. Agree with neighbours on the shared gate, add a sensor light over the driveway, and fit a deadlock and a security screen to the door that faces it.

Security providers servicing Reservoir

Controltech Security Solutions - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | 1300 052 306 | <https://controltechsecurity.com.au/>

OzSpy Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

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

Protection Pacific Security - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence 418-312-31S | 1300 793 911 | <https://www.protectionpacific.com/>

Walton Security - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence not published | 03 9970 8701 | <https://waltonsecurity.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.