

Richmond Security Report

Local security guide - Richmond VIC 3121 - Inner east Melbourne

About Richmond

Richmond is about 3 km east of the Melbourne CBD.

Richmond mixes Victorian terraces and workers' cottages with warehouse conversions, new apartment blocks and the busy shopping and dining strips of Swan Street, Bridge Road and Victoria Street. The Crime Statistics Agency recorded 5,039 offences in Richmond in the year to June 2026, and the City of Yarra had the second-highest offence rate in Greater Melbourne. With crowds heading to the MCG and the nightlife on Swan Street, residents and shop owners deal with heavy foot traffic well into the night.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Victorian terraces, single-fronted cottages, warehouse conversions, apartments.

Richmond's older streets are lined with single- and double-fronted Victorian terraces and cottages built close to the footpath, many with rear laneway access and small courtyards. Former factories and warehouses near the river and Cremorne have become offices and apartments, and newer mid-rise blocks line the main roads. Because heritage overlays cover much of the suburb, cameras, security doors and external alarm boxes on street-facing facades may need to be discreet, so ask an installer who has worked with heritage homes.

Common security concerns in Richmond

- Rear laneway gates and garages on terraces that neighbours cannot see
- Late-night foot traffic around Swan Street and event days at the MCG
- Heritage facades where visible cameras and security doors need careful placement

Local tip: Secure the rear lane before the front door

Many Richmond terraces and cottages back onto narrow bluestone laneways with a timber gate or a garage door straight onto the lane. Those rear entries are out of sight of the street and neighbours. A solid gate with a proper lock, sensor lighting and a camera facing the lane cover the part of the property a front doorbell camera can't see.

Security providers servicing Richmond

ASAP Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 03 9510 3151 | <https://www.asaplocksmiths.melbourne/>

Hypower Security - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | 03 7036 9140 | <https://hypowersecurity.com.au/>

Intellect Information Technology Pty Ltd - Cybersecurity for Business

Licence not published | ABN 32 058 948 809 | 1300 799 165 | <https://www.intellectit.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.