

St Kilda Security Report

Local security guide - St Kilda VIC 3182 - Bayside Melbourne

About St Kilda

St Kilda is about 6 km south-east of the Melbourne CBD on Port Phillip Bay.

St Kilda is one of Melbourne's best-known seaside suburbs, with the Esplanade, Luna Park, Acland Street and Fitzroy Street drawing visitors day and night. Many residents rent, often in older blocks of flats. The Crime Statistics Agency recorded 4,638 offences in St Kilda in the year to June 2026, and the City of Port Phillip ranked among the five Greater Melbourne councils with the highest offence rates.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: 1920s and 1930s walk-up flats, converted Victorian mansions, apartments, some period houses.

Much of St Kilda's housing is walk-up flats from the 1920s to the 1960s, including art deco blocks, along with grand Victorian homes that were split into flats or rooming houses and newer apartments near the foreshore. Buildings often have shared stairwells, open side paths and car spaces at the rear, and many were built long before modern entry systems. With a high share of renters, security upgrades usually need agreement from the owner or the owners corporation.

Common security concerns in St Kilda

- Shared entries, stairwells and letterboxes in older blocks of flats
- Bikes and cars parked in open rear car spaces and side paths
- Crowds and late-night activity around Fitzroy Street, Acland Street and the foreshore

Local tip: Ask about the building entry, not just your own door

Many St Kilda blocks of flats have a shared entry with a lock that has not been changed in years, and letterboxes and bike racks sit in an open foyer or side path. If you rent, ask the owners corporation or agent about a new restricted-key lock or intercom for the main entry. For your own flat, a deadlock and a door viewer or smart doorbell need only minor changes; check with your landlord first.

Security providers servicing St Kilda

Defend Security Group - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence not published | 0426 655 294 | <https://defendsecuritygroup.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/>

St Kilda Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence not published | 03 9525 5811 | <https://stkildalocksmiths.com.au/>

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.