

Sydney CBD Security Report

Local security guide - Sydney CBD NSW 2000 - Central Sydney

About Sydney CBD

Sydney CBD is Sydney's central business district.

The Sydney CBD runs from Circular Quay and Barangaroo south towards Haymarket, taking in Martin Place, the Pitt Street Mall, Town Hall and a growing number of apartment towers. The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) recorded 7,502 criminal incidents in the suburb of Sydney in the year to June 2026 (not counting transport fines and breaches of bail or court orders), the most of any suburb in NSW. Theft from shops (1,360) and non-domestic assault (895) were the largest groups. The count covers offences against the large daily population of workers, shoppers and visitors as well as residents, so it is not a measure of any one person's risk.

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Apartment towers, serviced apartments, heritage sandstone buildings, office towers and shopping arcades.

Most people who live in the CBD are in strata apartment towers of every age, from converted heritage office buildings to new high-rise at Barangaroo and the southern end of the city. Lobbies, basement car parks, loading docks and storage cages are run by owners corporations and building managers, who make most security decisions. Shops and offices sit in both sandstone heritage buildings and modern towers, and usually rely on the building's access control, with their own alarm and cameras inside the tenancy.

Common security concerns in Sydney CBD

- Theft from shops around the Pitt Street Mall and city retail strips
- Lost or unreturned fobs and swipe cards in strata and office buildings
- Late-night crowds and assaults around the entertainment areas

Local tip: Keep the building's fob register up to date

In CBD apartment and office buildings, a lost or unreturned fob or swipe card can still open the building. Ask your strata or building manager to cancel a lost fob the same day, check the fob list whenever a tenant moves out, and make sure the lobby and car park readers keep a log. A current fob register protects every resident, not just one door.

Security providers servicing Sydney CBD

Axxess Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 408735035 | ABN 70 111 729 465 | 1300 832 017 | <https://axcesslocksmiths.com.au/>

CBD Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000104189 | ABN 78 154 021 146 | (02) 9232 8839 | <https://cbdlocksmiths.com.au/>

Corporate Security Sydney - Security Guards & Patrols

Licence 000105941 | ABN 61 602 326 116 | 1300 233 684 | <https://corporatesecuritysydney.com.au/>

CTC Communications - Alarm Systems & Monitoring

Licence 000102543 | ABN 56 167 893 610 | 1300 552 282 | <https://www.ctccommunications.com.au/>

Internacious - Cybersecurity for Business

Licence not published | (02) 8313 0464 | <https://internacious.com/>

Secure.Lock Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000102985 | ABN 71 889 397 138 | 0450 463 853 | <https://www.securelock.com.au/>

West-Tec Security Solutions - CCTV & Camera Installation

Licence 000102528 | ABN 20 612 921 196 | 02 8551 2493 | <https://wtss.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.