

Wollongong Security Report

Local security guide - Wollongong NSW 2500 - Illawarra, City of Wollongong

About Wollongong

Wollongong is about 80 km south of the Sydney CBD.

Wollongong is the main city of the Illawarra, between the escarpment and the sea, with the Crown Street Mall, Wollongong Central, Wollongong Hospital, the University of Wollongong and a growing number of apartment towers near the station and the beaches. BOCSAR recorded 3,338 criminal incidents in the suburb of Wollongong in the year to June 2026 (not counting transport fines and breaches of bail or court orders), close to the 3,302 of the year before. Theft from shops (519) was by far the largest group, followed by malicious damage (268) and non-domestic assault (245).

Housing and local context

Housing stock: Apartment towers near the station and the beach, older blocks of flats, Federation and inter-war cottages, and terraces close to the city centre.

Central Wollongong mixes office buildings and shops around the Crown Street Mall with a fast-growing number of apartment towers near the station and North Beach, alongside older blocks of flats and Federation and inter-war cottages in the surrounding streets. Apartment residents share lobbies, car parks and bike stores, while older houses often have a front verandah, a side path and a back lane.

Common security concerns in Wollongong

- Theft from shops in the city centre
- Shared entries and car parks in apartment buildings
- Property damage and late-night assaults around the centre

Local tip: Make shop theft harder without putting staff at risk

Theft from shops was the largest offence group in Wollongong last year, with 519 offences. Retailers get the most from simple steps: greeting everyone who comes in, keeping high-value stock near the counter or in locked cabinets, cameras over the entrance and the counter, and a clear rule that staff observe and report rather than chase anyone.

Security providers servicing Wollongong

Above All Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000102854 | ABN 44 690 806 859 | 0402 277 928 | <https://www.abovealllocksmiths.com.au/>

ADC Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000102252 | ABN 81 158 835 913 | (02) 4226 6644 | <https://www.adcsecurity.com.au/>

Mawson Lock Service - Locksmiths

Licence 000101098 | ABN 32 169 197 666 | (02) 4229 2346 | <https://www.mawsonlockservice.com.au/>

More Secure Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000105853 | ABN 57 752 204 600 | 0437 774 067 | <https://www.moresecurelocks.com.au/>

South Coast Locksmiths - Locksmiths

Licence 000100161 | ABN 62 651 569 363 | (02) 4209 5222 | <https://www.southcoastlocksmiths.com.au/>

WCG Security - Alarm Systems & Monitoring

Licence 410014659 | ABN 50 137 860 818 | 1300 662 616 | <https://wcgsecurity.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.