



# Fortitude Valley and Brisbane City Crime Bulletin



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## Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct

In 2010, the Queensland Government announced an important two-year trial of Drink Safe Precincts (DSP) to reduce alcohol-related violence in the key entertainment districts of Surfers Paradise, Townsville and Fortitude Valley.

Fortitude Valley is one of Brisbane's busiest entertainment precinct's offering entertainment to up to 50 000 patrons on an average weekend night. The Queensland Police Service works in partnership with government agencies, local businesses and community stakeholders to coordinate and implement a management plan that enhances the safety of patrons and venue operators. Some strategies that have been developed to alleviate the incidence of alcohol fuelled violence include providing additional police, improved coordination of public transport and a chill-out zone supported by Night Watch chaplains.

Snapshots of information about what happened during the first three and six months of the trial, including a range of statistics, are now available.

Three-month snapshot [Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct trial\(PDF 1,340 K\)](#)

Six-month snapshot [Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct trial \(PDF 1,750 K\)](#)

For further information in relation to the Drink Safe Precincts trials in Townsville and Surfers Paradise please click on the below icon.



## Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation





## Banning Orders to help reduce alcohol fuelled violence

Legislation was introduced in December 2010 giving police the authority to apply to the court, for banning orders arising from offences detected within our licenced precincts. Banning Orders can be included as a penalty on sentence for persons who are charged or convicted of an offence involving violence to person or property on or in the vicinity of licensed premises. The Banning Order prohibits the person from entering, attending or remaining in stated licensed premises and/or events for up to 12 months.

The Valley Liquor Accord and Brisbane City Liquor Accord also have the ability to apply a separate banning process where offenders have committed offences within the licensed premises, and these offences may not have come to the attention of the police. The offender's details and banning order conditions are provided to all stakeholders and licensees to ensure enforcement of the orders.

Forty-nine(49) offenders are currently banned by the Magistrates Courts for periods of up to 12 months for offences of affray, assault and public nuisance within Brisbane City and Fortitude Valley entertainment precincts.

Rhys Wildman, the Inspector in Charge of Fortitude Valley Drink Safe Precinct warns, " We encourage people to enjoy our licensed precincts but we won't tolerate violence and antisocial behaviour that threatens the safety of other patrons. We expect to see a reduction in alcohol fuelled violence in our entertainment precincts with the new banning processes in place."

### Fortitude Valley Station

119 Brookes St, Fortitude Valley  
Ph: 3737 5757

### Fortitude Valley Police Beat Shop Front

Brunswick St Mall  
Ph: 3131 1200

### Brisbane City Station

46 Charlotte St, Brisbane  
Ph: 3258 2582

### Brisbane City Police Beat Shop Front

67 Adelaide St, Brisbane  
Ph: 3224 4444

### Milton Police Beat Shop Front

Milton Centro Shopping Centre  
Ph: 3109 5700

House-breaking is one of the most common crimes. Most house break ins appear to be crimes of opportunity with entry gained through an open or unlocked window or door.



## Appeal for Information - Burglary

Fortitude Valley Detectives are investigating the break in of a residence at Chermiside Street, New Farm. The owners of the home have arrived home disturbing the suspects. One suspect decamped in a vehicle and the other suspect decamped on foot. Reference: QP1100952724

### October Reports for Break and



**Enters**

Jeays St, Bowen Hills  
Brunswick St Fortitude Valley  
Dogget St, Fortitude Valley  
Bramston Tce, Herston  
Parkhurst Ave, Herston  
Scott St, Herston  
Camona St, Kelvin Grove  
Guthrie St, Milton  
Haig St, Milton  
Bowen Tce, New Farm  
Heal St, New Farm  
Kent St, New Farm  
Merthyr Rd, New Farm  
Villiers St, New Farm  
Beeston St Newstead  
Chermside St, Newstead  
Midvale Lane, Newstead  
Charlotte St, Paddington  
Charteris St, Paddington  
Croydon Rd, Paddington  
Elizabeth St, Paddington  
Great George St, Paddington  
Gulliver St, Paddington  
Latrobe Tce, Paddington  
Ranley Gr, Paddington  
Hawthorn Tce, Red Hill  
Vowles St, Red Hill  
Boundary St, Spring Hill  
Gregory Tce, Spring Hill  
Park St, Spring Hill  
Phillips St, Spring Hill  
Rogers St, Spring Hill



**Suspect 1** description: Male, Caucasian, 180cm, Proportionate build, fair complexion, acne scarred skin, sandy coloured hair. Wearing white Lacoste Polo shirt, light blue knee length shorts and white shoes.



**Suspect 2** description: Male, European, 170cm, Solid build, Olive complexion, short black hair wearing Blue jeans and a white t-shirt.

**Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Fortitude Valley Police on 3737 5757 or Crime Stoppers anonymously on 1800 333 000 24hrs a day. Crime Stoppers is a charitable community**

**volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.**

**Appeal - Evade Fair/Steal from vehicle suspects**



Associate only

Suspect 1



Associate's distinctive tattoo



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Fortitude Valley Police are appealing for information in relation to an evade fair and stealing from vehicle complaint. At about 0515hrs on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October the above suspect and associate have entered the victim's taxi at





After 4 years and 97 days the guns finally fell silent on 11 November 1918 as the Great War ended. Around 9 million lives were lost with a further 27 million injured.

Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War 1 onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

Remembrance Day is annually observed on November 11.

**Buy a poppy and wear it with pride.**

Brunswick St Fortitude Valley and requested to be taken to Kedron. On arriving at a street in Kedron the associate has attempted to pay the fair however did not have enough money. The suspect has exited the taxi, opened the driver's door and attempted to punch the driver. The suspect then stole the coin dispenser from the door and decamped into an unknown unit complex. The associate also ran from the scene. Reference: QP1100937733

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**Every day, 1000 women are violently assaulted across Australia. Nine out of ten of these incidents in Queensland will go unreported.**

As part of the largest global effort to publicly say "NO" to violence against women and girls, White Ribbon Queensland asks men and boys of any age to pledge to never commit, excuse or be silent about violence against women.

Take a stance this November to end men's violence against women by swearing your commitment to remain "not violent, not silent" and wear a White Ribbon on 25 November to show your dedication to equality between men and women.

Local community organisations and the Queensland Police Service are working together to raise the profile of this important event and increase community awareness around issues of domestic and family violence, in an effort to reduce violence against women and children.

QPS marked vehicles, as well as a number of local companies/ organisations, will be displaying White Ribbon stickers during the month of November to support this important event.

*"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things – Martin Luther King*





## Being Safe - free personal safety classes

### Safety Tip: Confidence

Research shows that most attackers, whether they are attacking someone to rob or physically assault, target their victim by the level of vulnerability they perceive and the ease in which they believe they can execute their crime.

They measure vulnerability by observing potential victims and assessing certain personal traits, for example confidence, alertness, body language or display of fear.

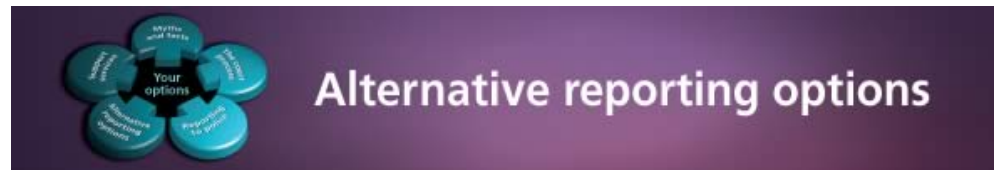
This means, from a proactive perspective, many attacks can be prevented simply by being - or appearing - confident, assertive and comfortable in your surroundings.



## Adult Sexual Assault

The Queensland Police Service acknowledges that many survivors of rape and sexual assault have reasons for not officially reporting the crime or not wanting to go through the court process. There are many myths and untruths about rape and sexual assault that contribute to the difficulty in survivors speaking out about their experience.

This resource package will provide you with information about your options should you be the survivor of rape or sexual assault. It is aimed at assisting you in making an informed decision.



Alternative Reporting Options (ARO) gives the survivor the opportunity to provide police with the full circumstances of their assault with the option of remaining anonymous if they wish.

ARO does not involve any judicial process.

ARO can be an extremely useful healing strategy for the survivor and an effective investigative strategy for law enforcement agencies. Survivors can feel empowered by knowing that the information they possess and provide could be used to solve reported offences of a similar nature.



## Being Safe - free personal safety classes

Brisbane City Council is committed to making sure Brisbane is a safe place for residents and visitors to enjoy. To help achieve this, Council offers **free** personal safety classes for people who live and work in Brisbane aged 14 years and over. The classes provide a non-threatening and safe place for men and women to learn different strategies to increase their confidence and stay safe.

To make a group booking phone Council on **07 3403 8888**.

For information about the classes and instructors, visit the [SDVMA website](#).



## October Reports of Stealing from vehicles

Campbell St, Bowen Hills  
Charlotte St, Brisbane  
Eagle St, Brisbane  
Lutwyche St, Brisbane  
Ann St, Fortitude Valley  
Harrison Lane, Fortitude Valley  
Wandoo St, Fortitude Valley  
Butterfield St, Herston  
Eureka St, Kelvin Grove  
Kelvin Grove Rd, Kelvin Grove  
Lamington St, New Farm  
Sydney St, New Farm  
Fortescue St, Paddington  
Princess St, Paddington  
Rockbourne Tce, Paddington  
Gregory Tce, Spring Hill  
Hipwood St, Spring Hill  
Kennigo St, Spring Hill  
Love St, Spring Hill



Crime Prevention Police officers are available to conduct free 'Safer Living' personal safety presentations to community groups, business groups and school groups. Please contact: **Senior Constable Vicki Campbell at Fortitude Valley Station ph: 3737 5680** or **Sergeant Don Dull at Brisbane City Station ph: 3258 2560**

## Police warn motorists to remove valuables from vehicles

Electronic items such as GPS units and iPods may be a common car accessory these days but they can also be a magnet for opportunistic thieves when left inside a vehicle.

Police are urging motorists to make sure electronic items such as iPods, iPhones and other valuables – including CD's, sunglasses, handbags and even spare change – are not left on display inside vehicles.

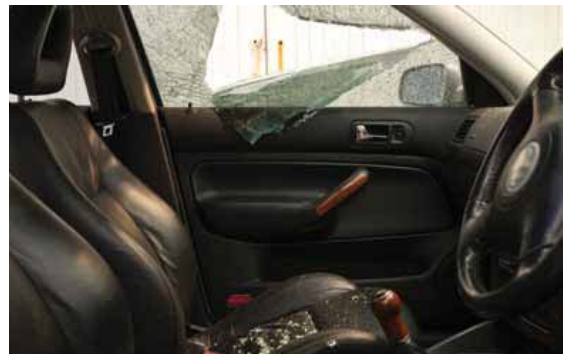
Brisbane Central District Crime Prevention coordinator Senior Constable Vicki Campbell said GPS units and registration plates were often targeted by thieves.

"Drivers should remove both the GPS unit and the 'cradle' from their vehicle," said Senior Constable Campbell.

"Even the suction cap marks (left on the windscreen by the GPS 'cradle') can signal to thieves that a GPS may be hidden in the car.

"Vehicle break-ins occur in residential streets, or when people leave their vehicle in the driveway. It's important to make sure your vehicle is locked at all times and valuables have been removed."

Senior Constable Campbell said people should also check their vehicles to make sure their registration plates are still fitted.





## 13HOON (13 4666) HOTLINE

The speeds associated with street racing coupled with driver inexperience can lead to fatalities.

To report a hooning offence, observe the behaviour and note details such as vehicle registration, vehicle characteristics, time and location of the illegal activity and a description of the behaviour.

When you call 13HOON, a trained call taker will record your details and relay the information to police for follow up.

For hooning incidents currently underway and where there is no immediate danger to anyone by having police attend, your information will be forwarded to a Police Communications Centre to task police for response.

The information you provide to 13HOON is relayed to police for further investigation. This allows police to locate hooning hotspots and take action to prevent it reoccurring.

Tips to reduce the risk of vehicles being stolen or broken into include using a steering wheel club or lock, lockable fuel cap and wheel nuts, using one-way screws on your registration plates, using microdot technology throughout the vehicle, etching your registration or vehicle identification number on the vehicle's windows, windscreens and headlights and parking in busy, open and well-lit areas.

For further information visit [www.police.qld.gov.au](http://www.police.qld.gov.au).

## Mobile Phone Restrictions



Using a hand-held mobile phone is illegal when driving, even when you are stopped at traffic lights. This includes making and receiving calls and text messaging.

In the event you need to make or receive a phone call or text message, you must firstly pull over and park in a safe place.

Failing to take these measures will incur a **\$300 fine** and **3 demerit points**.

## Drink driving laws get tougher

Drink driving laws just got tougher. If you are caught driving with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.10 or higher your licence will be immediately suspended.

Prior to 1 July, immediate licence suspension only applied to people detected driving with a BAC of 0.15 or higher. The law has been tightened because drink drivers with a BAC of 0.10 or higher are almost five times more likely to crash than a driver with zero BAC. Above this level the risk rises dramatically so that at 0.15 BAC the crash risk is more than twenty times greater than for a driver with zero BAC.

This tough new law is a result of community consultation through the Drink Driving in Queensland discussion paper, with over 72% of respondents supporting this change.

Last year there were 50 fatalities as a result of crashes involving drink drivers and riders, making up 20.1% of the Queensland road toll.

Consider the safety of other road users and yourself. Remember think before you drink and think twice before you drive.

## Brisbane Early Warning Alert Service



Get free early warning alerts about severe weather in your

neighbourhood. Severe weather alerts are sent by email, SMS or phone message to registered Brisbane residents. Find out how to subscribe, change your details, unsubscribe or read the terms and conditions.

### LIFE THREATENING INJURIES AND EMERGENCIES:

Police/Fire/Ambulance  
**000**  
(mobiles 000 and 112)



### The Brisbane CBD Emergency Plan

## Storm safety

Severe weather is a natural part of living in Brisbane's sub-tropical climate. Every year, Brisbane experiences severe storms and flooding and it's important to take the time to prepare yourself and your home for storm season. The tips below offer advice on what you should have in your emergency kit and how to stay safe before, during and after a severe storm.



## Prepare for storms

Before the storm season begins, prepare an emergency kit and trim tree branches well clear of your house. If your property has large trees that are not protected under Council's [Natural Assets Local Law 2003](#), arrange for an arborist to carry out a check-up. You should also:

- check and clean your roof, gutters and downpipes
- identify loose objects in your yard such as outdoor furniture and toys that will have to be put away or secured if a storm approaches
- have a supply of plastic shopping bags to use as sand bags for emergency storm water diversion
- have masking tape and plastic sheeting or large garbage bags available for emergency rain protection
- familiarise your household members with the following tips and information when a storm strikes

## Storm Emergency Kit

Prepare an emergency kit with:

- a portable battery operated radio and torch with fresh or spare batteries and bulb
- a list of Brisbane radio stations for emergency information
- candles with waterproof matches or a gas lantern
- reasonable stocks of fresh water and tinned or dried food
- a first aid kit and basic first aid knowledge
- good supplies of essential medication
- strong shoes and rubber gloves



Report Power interruptions on  
**13 62 62**

Report all fallen powerlines on  
**13 19 62**

**State Emergency Service (SES)**  
**132 500**

**Brisbane City Council**  
**(07) 3403 8888**

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- a waterproof bag for clothing and valuables – put valuables and certificates in the bag and put the bag in a safe place
- a list of your emergency contact numbers
- a car charger for your mobile phone



## As the storm approaches

When a severe storm approaches, make sure you have your mobile phone close by, and it has a fully charged battery. Listen to a local Brisbane radio station for information and disconnect all electrical appliances. Place your vehicles under cover or cover with tarpaulins or blankets. Shelter and secure your pets and animals.

## When the storm strikes

When a severe storm strikes, stay inside, keep away from windows and remain in the strongest part of the house, which is usually the bathroom or cellar. If you are outdoors, find emergency shelter and do not stand under trees. You should:

- listen to your portable radio for storm updates
- if driving, stop clear of trees, powerlines and creeks
- avoid using the telephone during the storm

After the storm has passed, listen to your local radio for official warnings and advice. If you need emergency assistance, phone

- 000 (triple zero) - for life threatening emergencies
- the State Emergency Service (SES) on 132 500 - for temporary roof repairs or sandbagging
- check your house for damage
- stay away from fallen powerlines. Report all fallen powerlines to Energex on 13 19 62
- beware of damaged buildings, trees and flooded watercourses

With kind regards from the Brisbane Central District Crime Prevention Unit

