



Brisbane City and Fortitude Valley Crime Bulletin



December 2011

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.



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.

Resolving tree and fence disputes



Every year, thousands of Queenslanders find themselves in the middle of a neighbourhood dispute about a tree or a fence. The new [Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act 2011](#) commenced on 1 November 2011 and makes it easier for neighbours to resolve their disputes over trees and fences. While no two queries or disputes will be exactly the same, this is a quick guide to help you and your neighbour find the best solution and keep your neighbourly relations intact.

Neighbourhood disputes, if left unresolved can develop into serious situations and in some cases police are called. It is not the role of the Queensland Police Service to mediate disputes or serve notices on behalf of the involved parties. Find out more about the changes including a step-by-step guide and other helpful links and resources to help solve neighbourhood disputes.

For further general information about the Act:

- phone the Justice Department on (07) 3239 3520 or email [Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution](#)

For legal advice contact:

- your lawyer OR [Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services \(QAILS\)](#)



Property stolen during burglaries:

- Car keys and Vehicles
- Jewellery
- IPODS
- Wallets/Handbags
- Laptops
- Digital cameras
- Mobile phones
- Cash



Alert

We have noticed a recent increase in the theft of motorcycles as well as theft from vehicles parked in secure car parks and garages at unit complexes throughout the City and Fortitude Valley policing divisions. **Please review your motorbike and vehicle security immediately. Effective security measures are the best criminal deterrent.** Be aware of any suspicious people lurking near the entrance and report them immediately.



Can you identify these people?

Common Assault – Constance Street FTV



Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a common assault at Constance Street Fortitude Valley on 5th November. About 2pm a man approached the female victim and grabbed hold of her hand. The victim was able to break the grip and no-one was injured. The offender is described as being 170cm tall, approximately 30 years old, caucasian, proportionate build, blonde hair and blue eyes wearing a light blue shirt and beige cargo style shorts.

Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigations by identifying the man pictured should contact Fortitude Valley police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Assault (Bodily Harm) – George Street, City



Police are seeking information to help identify the person pictured as they believe he may have information about an assault offence at Grosvenor Hotel on George Street, Brisbane City on 29th October. About 5:30pm the offender was asked to leave the premises by management. The offender then punched the victim in the head and has caused the victim to fall to the ground. The offender has then kicked the victim in the head causing injuries. Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigations by identifying the man pictured should contact Brisbane City police station.

Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au. 24hrs a day. Crime Stoppers is a charitable community volunteer organisation working in partnership with the Queensland Police Service.



Your local police station contact details:

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



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www.police.qld.gov.au

Can you identify these people?

Enter with intent – Anzac Square



Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a break and enter at Anzac Square on 11th November. About 9pm a man broke into the victim's storage cage and stole three backpacks before leaving. The offender is described as being 175cm tall, proportionate build, caucasian, short brown hair wearing a black hoodie and dark tracksuit pants. **Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigations by identifying the man pictured should contact Brisbane City police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**

Enter with intent – Charlotte Street, Brisbane City





Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a break and enter at the Red and Grill Restaurant on 3rd October. About 3am a man broke into the service area and removed cash from the premises.

Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigations by identifying the man pictured (left and above) should contact Brisbane City police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Stealing – Albert Street, Brisbane City

Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Crime Stoppers anonymously via **1800 333 000**.

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Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a stealing offence at the corner of Elizabeth and Albert Streets, Brisbane City on 2nd November. About 7:30pm a man picked up a shopping bag that had been inadvertently dropped by the victim. The bag contained a sum of cash and business banking details. The offender has made no attempt to find the owner, return it to the business or hand it in to police.

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November Reports for Break and Enters

Primrose St, Bowen Hills
Montpelier Rd, Bowen Hills
Alfred St, Fortitude Valley
Arthur St, Fortitude Valley
Green Square Cl, Fortitude Valley
Heal St, Fortitude Valley
Hynes St, Fortitude Valley
Warry St, Fortitude Valley

Parkhurst St, Herston

Dalley St, Kelvin Grove
Dunsmore St, Kelvin Grove
Eureka St, Kelvin Grove
Hartopp Lane, Kelvin Grove
Horsburgh St, Kelvin Grove
Hunter St, Kelvin Grove
Kelvin Grove Rd, Kelvin Grove

Baroona Rd, Milton
Guthrie St, Milton
Heussler Tce, Milton
High St, Milton
Sheehan St, Milton

Bowen Tce, New Farm
Harcourt St, New Farm
Lower Bowen Tce, New Farm
Merthyr Rd, New Farm

Beck St, Paddington
Bowler St, Paddington
Central Ave, Paddington
Enogerra Tce, Paddington

Wellington St, Petrie Terrace

Hawthorne Tce, Red Hill
Scott St, Red Hill

Birley St, Spring Hill
Fortescue St, Spring Hill

Stealing – Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley

Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a stealing offence at Wholesale Spoon Kitchen on Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley on the nights between 25th and 30th August. The pictured male has attended the offence location and removed bread, croissants, muffins and milk from the premises.



Anyone with information that could assist police with their investigations by identifying the man pictured should contact Fortitude Valley Police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Unlawful entry of a motor vehicle– Wickham Street, Fortitude Valley



Police are seeking public assistance to help identify a man they believe can help with their investigations into a stealing offence at the Wickham hotel on 2nd November. During the night a man unsuccessfully attempted to force the locks of a



Gregory Tce, Spring Hill
Quarry St, Spring Hill
Park St, Spring Hill

Torrington St, Spring Hill
Midvale Lane, Teneriffe

November Reports of Stealing from vehicles

MacGregor Tce, Bardon
Campbell St, Bowen Hills
Adelaide St, Brisbane City
Ann St, Fortitude Valley
Alfred St, Fortitude Valley
Saint Paul's Tce, Fortitude Valley
Wickham St, Fortitude Valley
Royal Brisbane Hospital, Herston
Hunter St, Kelvin Grove
Musk Ave, Kelvin Grove
Welsby St, New Farm
Evelyn St, Newstead
Newstead Tce, Newstead
Collingwood St, Paddington
Enogerra Tce, Paddington
Gloucester St, Spring Hill

There are two kinds of
criminals that will target your
vehicle and valuables.

The opportunistic thief

The opportunistic thief either steals your vehicle to use as transport or breaks into your vehicle to steal items such as mobile phones, GPS, MP3 player, iPod, wallet, sunglasses, bag, stereo, cash or CDs

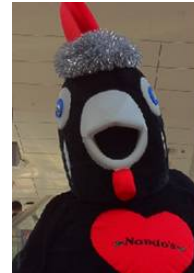
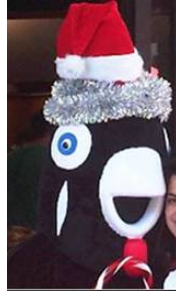
The professional thief

The professional thief wants your vehicle for its parts or to re-identify it as another vehicle.

vehicle parked at the Hotel. He then smashed a rear window and removed a laptop and accessories from the vehicle.

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Stealing – Given Terrace, Paddington



On 18th November, the above pictured costume head was left at the rear of the Nando's Shop on Given Terrace, Paddington to dry out. An unknown offender has entered through the exit gate and has removed the costume head. The whole suit is worth approximately \$3000. **Anyone with information which could assist police with their investigations should contact Brisbane City police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.**



There has been a recent increase in the theft of trailered vehicles from homes and storage yards in other parts of Brisbane. Vehicles targeted by offenders include camper trailers and caravans, trailered boats, box trailers and horse floats. **Please review your trailer security immediately. Effective security measures are the best criminal deterrent.**

- Install a wheel locking device
 - Install a locking device over the ball connection of the trailer
 - Secure the trailer away behind locked gates (where possible).
- Report all suspicious activity immediately to local police.



DON'T LET THEIVES RUIN A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

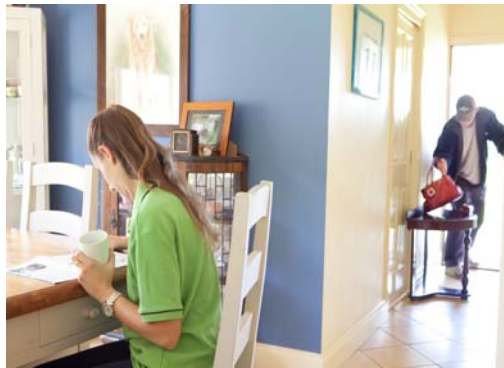


Many houses will be left unattended over the Christmas and holiday season and just a few easy steps can help prevent the chance of a break in.

- Lock all windows and doors even when you are at home
- Secure balcony doors
- Hide car and house keys
- Don't leave spare keys "hidden" outside under pot plants, under mats, above doors
- Install automatic light timers
- Secure your garden shed and garage
- Shred documents containing personal information

Hide your car keys when you are home!!
Theives are breaking into homes across Brisbane and stealing the home owners' vehicles.

Lock up your homes to lock out burglars



As summer approaches, the Queensland Police Service would like to remind residents of the importance of securing their homes.

With the temperature starting to rise, it's tempting for residents to leave unsecured doors and windows open to keep cool but this can invite burglars into homes.

"We've noticed an increasing number of break and enters where offenders have gained access to homes through doors and windows that have been left open," said District Crime Prevention Coordinator, Sergeant Donald Dull.

"An offender will usually act on easy or tempting opportunities, like an open window or door, especially when it is evident that no-one is home, or the risk of being caught is low.

"One of the easiest forms of security is simply to lock all windows and doors. You should also consider installing security screens, grills and shutters which allow both ventilation and security," said Sergeant Dull.

Houses should also be secured even when residents are home. Offenders often enter through unlocked doors while people are at home or in their backyard, stealing car keys and wallets that have been left in plain view, near entrances and then stealing their vehicle.

Residents going away during the Christmas period, should make their home looked lived-in. Consider using an electronic timer to operate selected lights and radios in the house, have your mail held, redirected or collected by a friend and ask a neighbour to put rubbish bins out at the usual collection time.

"Most offenders are usually looking for cash or small valuable items such as jewellery, DVD players, mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and other electrical items that can be quickly sold for cash.

"Residents should also mark all of their property as this helps deter theft, provides proof of ownership and helps police identify and return stolen property to its rightful owner," he said. Most police stations and Neighbourhood Watch Groups have engravers you can borrow to mark your property. Microdot property identification kits are also available for purchase from selected Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) branches in South East Queensland and from a variety of retailers.





Being Safe - free personal safety classes

Safety Tip: Body Language

Eyes downcast, shoulders hunched and uneasiness showing in your step makes you look vulnerable and intimidated by the world. Be able to look people in the eye. Keep your shoulders back. Walk proud. Breathe fully. Look like you are at ease in your surroundings. This way you do not look like an easy target.

For many people this may be difficult. You may need to think about and practice your posture and presentation. Start off by doing this when you are in a relaxed environment; until you gradually build confident posture and presentation into your everyday personal habits.



Not Violent Not Silent

Every day, 1,000 women are violently assaulted across Australia. Nine out of ten of these incidents in Queensland will go unreported.

As part of Queensland's campaign Brisbane Central Policing District displayed white ribbon stickers on each marked police vehicle for the month. This was done to help raise awareness about the issue of domestic and family violence within our community. By displaying the 'Not Violent, Not Silent' white ribbon we show our support and commitment and dedication to achieving equality between men and women.

The Queensland Ambulance Service, the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Yellow Cabs, Queensland Rail, Ready Towing and Yellow Couriers showed their support for the campaign by displaying the white ribbon on their vehicles too.



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](#).



Queensland Road Toll 2011

Year to Date to Sunday, 27 November 2011

Total Fatal Crashes - 204
Total Fatalities - 240

- 97 - Driver fatalities
- 62 - Passenger fatalities
- 39 - Motorcycle rider and pillion fatalities
- 9 - Bicycle rider and pillion fatalities
- 32 - Pedestrian fatalities
- 1 - Other fatalities (eg horse, train)
- 51 - Fatalities as a result of crashes involving heavy freight vehicles



Roadworks can be hazardous for both roadworkers and road users. Even with the best of safety measures in place, accidents can happen when drivers do not heed roadwork signs and speed limits.

It is important that drivers take care around roadworks and adjust their driving to changed road and traffic conditions. These conditions will differ depending on the type of roadwork.



Merging Road Rules clarified

There are two different give way rules for merging.



1. On roads where there are lanes marked on the road, if your lane comes to an end, you must give way to traffic already in the lane you are moving to. In the image to the right, Vehicle A (blue) must give way to Vehicle B (green).



2. On roads where there are no lanes marked on the road, when lines of traffic merge, you must give way to any vehicle that is ahead of you. In the image to the right, Vehicle B (green) must give way to Vehicle A (blue).
A line of traffic generally means where two adjacent rows of vehicles do not have a lane separation line between.

Visit the Here for Life website to view [an animated video on Merging](#).

Tips for merging on the Motorway

The Department of Transport and Main Roads recommends that drivers who merge onto a motorway build up speed to match that of the traffic already on the motorway. In most cases this enables drivers to find a safe gap in the traffic. It is also common practice, and recommended by the Department of Transport and Main Roads, that drivers already on the motorway exercise courtesy and allow space for drivers trying to enter the motorway, either by adjusting their speed or changing lanes.

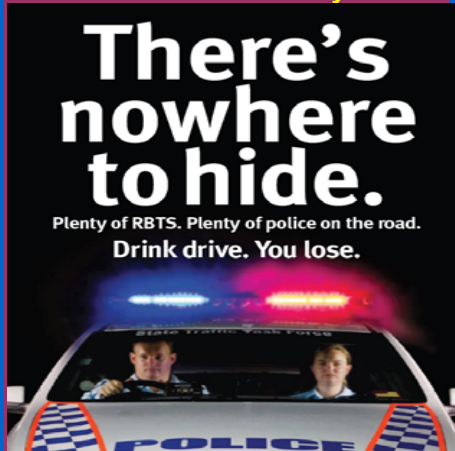
- Plan your route before you enter a motorway.
- When entering the motorway, look for a gap between the vehicles in the closest lane and safely build up speed on the on-ramp so you enter at the motorway traffic's speed.
- When driving on a motorway, watch for other vehicles entering from an on-ramp and adjust your speed to allow them to enter safely.
- Be ready and in the correct lane as your exit approaches.
- If you miss your exit, continue to the next exit.



Changed conditions may include:

- unfinished road surfaces and uneven pavements
- loose gravel and stones
- altered lane widths
- unexpected work vehicles entering and leaving sites
- altered lane merges and road configurations
- altered road shoulders.

On average drink driving contributes to more than one in four fatalities (25.2%) on Queensland roads each year.



Operation SafeDrive



With the Christmas school holidays rapidly approaching, now is the time to check the safety of your vehicle.

Drivers should allow adequate time to ensure their vehicle is safe.

Transport Inspectors will be checking all vehicles they pull over these school holidays in a state wide operation, *SafeDrive*, to ensure safety on Queensland's roads.

Ensure your vehicle is safe and has no defects.

Before embarking on any road trip this holiday, please:

- check your tyres for pressure and their overall condition
- have your brakes checked regularly by your mechanic
- have your steering and suspension checked by your mechanic
- check your lights – make sure that your brake lights are working
- ensure your windscreen is clean and free of chips and cracks.

For more information on whom Transport Inspectors are and what they do, view or print the [Transport Inspector fact sheet \(PDF, 310.7 KB\)](#).

Don't bump the bump truck



Bump trucks are part of the department's safety commitment. They block lanes of traffic to protect road workers, drivers and cars. They are often found at roadwork sites and have a large cushion shield on the back to prevent stray vehicles from

crashing into work zones.

The raised arrow sign is the driver's cue to slow down and change lanes to where the arrow indicates.





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

or

Constable Luis Yelo at Brisbane City Station ph: 3258 2561



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Stay safe these holidays
and have a Merry Christmas



From all the Police and Staff at Brisbane City and Fortitude Valley Stations.

