



Pay postage only to get these for your kids!

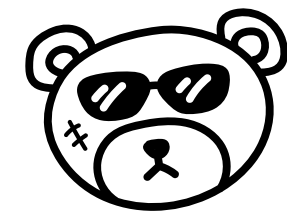
**CHECK THIS OUT**

Get your Primary or Secondary aged child a Safety Bag Tag (PRIMARY) or Wallet Card (SECONDARY) to give them easy, fast access to phone numbers for appropriate children's welfare, well being, and safety numbers so they NEVER feel alone, no matter what they are experiencing in their life.



# Neighbourhood Watch The Gap 4061

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IS ACTIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!**



✉ neighbourhoodwatchthegap@yahoo.com.au  
 f www.fb.com/neighbourhoodwatchthegap  
 www.nhwq4061.com



If you see graffiti on council buildings/ property/ parks contact Council on 3403 8888- 24 hours / 7 days a week OR report via Council's Graffiti removal form **SCAN ABOVE!**



### When should you call Triple Zero (000)?

- If the crime is happening now
- When your life or property is in immediate danger
- When the event is time-critical, for example a fire.



**Policelink is available 24/7 Non-urgent reporting** Phone: 131 444

Online →



### Crime Stoppers - Toll-free 1800 333 000

You don't have to say who you are. Trained call takers capture information that you share and they send it to police for investigation and follow-up where needed.

# LOYLE™

Discover the difference a tight-knit team with a focus on quality (not quantity) can make.

Kathleen - Sales 0417 756 280 kathleen@loyle.com.au  
 Stephen - Property Management 0405 602 619 stephen@loyle.com.au

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## DISRUPTED

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[www.bakerkidsbyloveinside.com/disrupted-cards](http://www.bakerkidsbyloveinside.com/disrupted-cards)

**Crime Stats For Year to Date 2024 v 2023**  
 4061 is down 35%  
 Oct 24 vs Oct 23!  
 Online Crime Map →



## COUNCIL OFFICE THE GAP WARD

477 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove, QLD 4061  
 (07) 3407 1900

FREE Graffiti Removal Kits Available HERE

Take your Rates notice to get voucher for a FREE Tree HERE

## STATE ELECTORATE OFFICE - COOPER

Shop 2, 230 Waterworks Road, Ashgrove QLD 4060  
 (07) 3554 9100

## FEDERAL ELECTORATE OFFICE - RYAN

188 Moggill Rd, Taringa QLD 4068  
 (07) 3378 1599

Last year October 23 to October 24	*2021 census pop'n	Offences vs Population
Enoggera Reservoir	9	33 27.27%
Milton	614	3144 19.53%
Newmarket	489	5083 9.62%
Toowong	876	12556 6.98%
Enoggera	319	5849 5.45%
Paddington	478	9063 5.27%
Keperra	369	7014 5.26%
Red Hill	270	5834 4.63%
Everton Park	459	10111 4.54%
Ashgrove	488	13450 3.63%
Bardon	305	10153 3.00%
<b>The Gap</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>17318 1.38%</b>
Upper Kedron	80	5800 1.38%
Brookfield	45	3640 1.24%
Mount Coottha	81	0 0.00%
<b>Reference Suburbs</b>		
Fortitude Valley	6137	9708 63.22%
Logan Central	2248	6210 36.20%
Herston	551	2311 23.84%
South Brisbane	2551	14292 17.85%
Stafford	1101	6978 15.78%
West End	1918	14730 13.02%
Indooroopilly	1544	13622 11.33%
Deception Bay	2108	19573 10.77%
Ripley	427	4288 9.96%
Kelvin Grove	506	7909 6.40%
Burpengary	974	16488 5.91%
Boondal	532	9596 5.54%
Ipswich	6562	64356 10.20%
Coorparoo	973	18132 5.37%

## POLICE CONTACT NUMBERS

**The Gap Police Station**  
 3510 1111- (8am -4pm Monday - Friday)

**Ferny Grove Police Station**  
 3872 1555 - 24/7

**LOVE THE GAP 4061**

Learn more about our Suburb!

The great places to **Eat & Drink**, our **Playgrounds, Community Groups, Local Attractions** and much more at [www.nhwq4061.com/love-the-gap](http://www.nhwq4061.com/love-the-gap).

While you are there why not get your Fur babies a GIFT, or style up the house by purchasing one of our "Love the Gap" personalised pet tags, house signs or key tags.

YOUR SUBURB, YOUR HOME, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR COMMUNITY 4061!

**Please donate \$1**

Or donate \$1 for every member of the house to keep us operating!

Thank you Jonty Bush MP, Member for Cooper for printing The Gap NHW Newsletter.

# TAKE A HOME SECURITY STROLL AND TARGET TOUGHEN YOUR HOME!



MAKE YOUR HOME THE TOUGHER TARGET BY COMPLETE A QPS HOME SECURITY AUDIT!

IT'S SO SIMPLE - walk at least 5 houses either side of your home in both directions (or the length of your street) and all you need to do is casually observe each house from the street.

As you look at each house, ask yourself the following questions:

- How would someone break in?
- Would they be seen from the street?
- Would they be seen by a security camera?
- Would they need to make a lot of noise to get in?
- Would they set off and alarm (electronic/dog barking)?
- Would they set off a sensor light?



## HOW DID YOUR HOUSE COMPARE VERSUS OTHERS ON YOUR STREET?

Are you the easy or tougher target on your street?

Things that YOU can do for FREE to improve the security in your home:

- Cut back trees/shrubs so there is visibility from the street at points of access to your house -don't provide offenders the perfect cover to break in.
- Ensure windows/doors are locked even when you are at home.
- GET to KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!
- Redirect existing lighting to cover entry points to your property.
- Lock the door between your garage and your home.
- Keep tools locked in the shed and your bins out of view do they can't be used to help offenders break in.
- Keep valuables out of sight.
- REPORT suspicious behaviour!
- Lock your car even in your garage.

### INVEST in your own SAFETY

- Add sensor lights to cover the points of entry to your home.
- Install solid core doors and security screens/doors.
- Install security cameras.
- Engrave your valuables.
- Install locks on windows and deadlocks on doors.
- Install an alarm system.

**Did You Know?** Crime Prevention Officers can provide a 'Free Home Security Audit Service' to assist with enhancing the security integrity of your home or business?

Please contact Indooroopilly Crime Prevention Unit on 3377 9421 or the Ferny Grove Crime Prevention Unit on 3872 1542 or email: InnerWest.dcpc@police.qld.gov.au



Our kids may run rings around us when it comes to TikTok videos or Instagram stories but we can still help them navigate the online world as safely as possible:

1. Set some age-appropriate rules for social media, e.g. no following or being followed by people they do not know personally.
2. Teach them to protect their personal information by being careful about what images are shared, e.g. no school uniforms, house numbers or street signs.
3. Talk to them about how to know if something they're about to do is appropriate or not. A good rule is - if you wouldn't want grandma to see it then it's not appropriate.

Source; Neighbourhood Watch Australasia

FOR MORE GREAT RESOURCES VISIT: [HTTPS://WWW.THINKUKNOW.ORG.AU/](https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/)

Dangers for children online include cyber bullying, stumbling on violent or sexual content, online grooming, and sharing of personal content like explicit photos.

Here are some suggestions to help keep your child safe online:

- Keep your computers in a family room, not in a bedroom
- Do not allow devices such as smart phones and tablets to be used in children's bedrooms
- Understand and use parenting controls on your internet browser
- Don't allow your child to submit personal information online
- Encourage children to show you anything that makes them uncomfortable online
- Help your child understand that not everyone online is what they seem
- Know who your child is talking to online
- Never allow your child to have an unsupervised meeting offline, with anyone they meet online
- Educate your child on the dangers of opening email attachments
- Learn more about keeping your child safe online

Source; QPS Children and the Internet



You, as a part of our 4061 community, can help the police with their enquires by voluntarily signing up your home surveillance system to help prevent crime in our area.

\*You can de-register at any time, no questions asked!

## 12 Days of Christmas - Top Safety Tips

1. **Remember the Fatal Five:** Buckle up, Don't speed, Don't drive fatigued, Don't become distracted, Never drink and drive.
2. **Plan your transport needs before you go out.** Have a designated dry driver - a mate who has a great night out and doesn't have an alcoholic drink.
3. **Monitor your drinking,** eat before and during drinking, alternate alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks at a sensible pace, do not leave drinks unattended and only accept drinks from people you trust and monitor who makes your drink.
4. **Lock all doors and windows,** observe movements in your street, check your home security, know your neighbours, secure your shed and garage, engrave your property.
5. With school holidays happening, waterways are expected to get busier. Recreational boaties **check your safety gear** before venturing to the water.
6. **Beware of different scams** out there including unexpected money or winnings, fake charities, dating and romance, buying or selling, jobs and investments, attempting to gain personal information, remote access scams and threats and extortion.
7. **Look after our local schools** and report any suspicious activity to School Watch over the school holidays 131788.
8. **Keep your curtains and window blinds closed at night,** making sure valuable items are out of sight as thieves go window shopping. Don't openly display your Christmas tree and gifts in the front window so it's easily visible from the street. It's too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages.
9. **Secure parcels and gifts in the boot of your car** when parked in the shopping centre car park and keep all valuables out of sight.
10. **Sign up to the myPolice Brisbane West blog** for local updates <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/brisbanewest/>
11. **Ensure you like/follow our Facebook page** for specific information in your area. [www.fb.com/neighbourhoodwatchthegap](http://www.fb.com/neighbourhoodwatchthegap)
12. Have a very **safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.**

