

2023-2027 CBCity Community Safety and Crime Prevention

Plan Summary

The CBCity Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2023-2027 (the Plan) outlines City of Canterbury Bankstown's (Council) commitment to improving community safety and addressing crime issues within the local government area (LGA).

The Plan clearly identifies safety and crime priorities, as well as specific goals for vulnerable groups such as young people, emerging communities, LGBTQIA+, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD), and individuals with a disability.

Council will implement the actions and focus areas of this Plan over a four-year period including targeted programs within each of our five wards. By implementing this Plan, Council will ensure the key safety and crime areas outlined are addressed through effective action of the identified objectives.

Community safety

Safety is a priority for Canterbury-Bankstown's diverse community. The Plan was developed through in-depth consultation with key stakeholders within the LGA. These stakeholders include residents, business owners, community organisations and local police. In addition to being safe, it is important that people feel safe living, working and visiting our City. This ensures our community can actively participate as part of our community and have a positive perception of safety in Canterbury-Bankstown.

Crime prevention

Crime prevention focuses on deterring criminal activity and reducing crime in Canterbury-Bankstown. It aims to eliminate factors that lead to crime occurring. Measures include changing the physical environment, encouraging behaviour change and improving neighbourhood cohesion. Crime prevention can be achieved through a combined approach from Council, the local police, government agencies, community groups/organisations, businesses and individuals.

Development of the Plan

The development of the Plan is a result of community engagement, analysis of crime statistics and stakeholder consultation.

We reviewed existing projects and initiatives to ensure they align with the current crime and safety data and trends in Canterbury-Bankstown. This helped to establish a stronger understanding of the issues and requirements within our local community.

The regular and ongoing involvement of local emergency services, especially the local police, played a key role in the Plan's development. The information gathered was utilised to form and develop the Plan's priority areas, outcomes, objectives and actions.

Community Strategic Plan

The Plan aligns with Council's Community Strategic Plan - CBCity 2028. This outlines a set of priorities that contribute to our vision of making Canterbury-Bankstown a place that is thriving, dynamic and real. It includes a list of actions which will guide Council's work in ensuring our City is a safe place for the community.

The Plan will directly align with actions from the safe and strong components of the strategic and operational plans.

CBCity crime data

For most crime categories, incidents in NSW have decreased or remained stable over the last five years. Domestic violence related assault and sexual assault, however, has seen an upward trend. This was reflected within our City with domestic violence related assaults increasing 4.4 per cent.

It should be noted that only reported crime, or crime detected by police, is recorded, and some crimes are more commonly reported than others. Some crimes may also see an increase in reported incidents due to community awareness campaigns. This is often applicable to fraud, domestic violence and historical sexual offences.

It is worth noting that we acknowledge that some data captured during the reporting period referenced, occurred during the COVID-19 lockdown, which would have had an impact on crime statistics during this time. In saying this, the crime categories of highest concern are consistent with those prior to the lockdown period.












CBCity crime rate comparison with rest of NSW (per 100,000 people) for 2022

	Number of incidents Jan-Dec 2022	Rate per 100,000	NSW Rate per 100,000	LGA Rankings
Break and enter (dwelling)	536	140.9	229.1	92 nd
Break and enter (non-dwelling)	208	54.7	90.5	90 th
Domestic violence related assault	1,348	354.4	409.0	73 rd
Fraud	1,970	517.9	566.4	55 th
Malicious damage to property	1,433	376.7	591.5	96 th
Motor vehicle theft	510	134.1	150.3	75 th
Murder	6	1.6	0.7	NA
Non-domestic violence related assault	972	255.5	362.5	83 rd
Other stealing offences	943	247.9	432.0	107 th
Robbery	85	22.3	22.3	42 nd
Sexual offences	443	116.5	177.7	101 st
Steal from dwelling	407	107.0	185.0	101 st
Steal from motor vehicle	1050	276.0	332.3	59 th
Steal from person	37	9.7	23.9	76 th
Steal from retail store	492	129.3	272.3	77 th

BOCSAR - Accessed March 2023. Ranks and rates are only calculated for LGAs with populations of 3,000 people or more. Rankings above are from 120 LGAs – the lower the ranking the higher the rate of crime.

What we will do (priorities and actions)

Nine priority areas have been identified to assist Council in providing a safer community for all in Canterbury-Bankstown. Priority areas reflect issues identified in both the Canterbury-Bankstown crime profile and issues identified by the community during the community engagement process.

Safety priorities	Crime priorities
Alcohol and Other Drugs  <p>Reduce use and instances of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) within CBCity.</p>	Domestic and family violence  <p>Ongoing commitment to reduce DFV incidences and increased support for victims and the sector.</p>
Social cohesion  <p>Increase unity and sense of belonging within the community.</p>	Scams and fraud  <p>Community education and prevention of scams and fraud incidences within Canterbury-Bankstown.</p>
Community perceptions  <p>Improve actual and perceived safety for the community in Canterbury-Bankstown</p>	Break and enter (non-dwelling)  <p>Community education and prevention of break and enter incidences within the community.</p>
Online safety  <p>Increase knowledge and skills for the community to be safe online.</p>	Motor vehicle theft and steal from motor vehicle  <p>Community education and prevention of motor vehicle theft and steal from motor vehicle incidences within Canterbury-Bankstown.</p>
Homelessness  <p>Support rough sleepers and people who are homeless within the community.</p>	

