

**precinct**['pri:sɪŋkt] *n*

- огороженная территория вокруг здания (*особ. церкви или собора*)  
pupils are forbidden to leave the school precincts - ученикам запрещается покидать территорию школы
- pl* окрестности города
- граница, предел  
within the city precincts - в пределах города
- район (*часть города, используемая для каких-л. целей*)  
shopping precinct - торговый район /центр, пассаж/  
pedestrian precinct - часть улицы /зона/ только для пешеходов
- амер.* избирательный или полицейский участок

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**pre-cinct** [precinct precincts] *BrE* ['pri:sɪŋkt] *NAmE* ['pri:sɪŋkt] *noun*

- (*BrE*) a commercial area in a town where cars cannot go
  - a **pedestrian/shopping precinct**
- (*NAmE*) one of the parts into which a town or city is divided in order to organize elections
  - voters in key precincts
- (*NAmE*) a part of a city that has its own police station; the police station in this area
  - Detective Hennessy of the 44th precinct
  - The murder occurred just a block from the precinct.
- usually plural (formal)** the area around a place or a building, sometimes surrounded by a wall
  - the **cathedral/college precincts**
  - within the precincts of the castle

Word Origin:

late Middle English (denoting an administrative district): from medieval Latin **praecinctum**, neuter past participle (used as a noun) of **praecingere** 'encircle', from **prae** 'before' + **cingere** 'gird'.

Example Bank:

- All this took place within the precincts of Westminster Abbey.
- Campaigners walked door-to-door in targeted precincts.
- Did you walk your precinct on the day of the vote?
- He took up residence in chambers within the precinct of a monastery.
- He was handcuffed and taken down to the police precinct.
- He wrote yesterday from a police precinct house in New Orleans.
- I rented a shop in a local precinct.
- I went down to my local precinct to make a report.
- It was forbidden to enter the temple precincts.
- Republicans have targeted precincts throughout the country.
- The event was held in the precincts of the parish church.
- The former Queens precinct commander has slashed crime.
- The precinct captains were able to round up 6 000 volunteers.
- The precinct returns show that the support received by both men was remarkable.
- They had wandered beyond the precincts of the camp.
- We're literally organizing leadership down to the precinct level.
- You can register to vote in your precinct by showing proof of residence.
- the £1.3-million redevelopment of the shopping precinct
- the sacred precinct of Apollo
- the town's main pedestrian precinct
- She lives within the precincts of the castle.
- The school uses many of the splendid medieval buildings in the cathedral precincts.

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[Date: 1400-1500; Language: Medieval Latin; Origin: praecinctum, from Latin praecingere 'to put a belt around']

- [countable] **shopping/pedestrian precinct** *British English* an area of a town where people can walk and shop, and where cars are not allowed
- [countable] *American English* one of the areas that a town or city is divided into, so that elections or police work can be organized more easily
- [countable] *American English* the main police station in a particular area of a town or city
- precincts** [plural] the area that surrounds an important building:  
the precincts of the cathedral

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