

# What is a Safe Community?



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A safe community is a place that is attractive to live, work and visit. A safe community is a liveable community, where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm or injury.

Perceptions of community safety, real or perceived, impact on the way people feel and interact in their community. Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and crime. It is about building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities.

## Who belongs to a safe community?

- Police
- Fire Service
- Non-government community groups
- Public Health (including Maori and Pacific public health providers)
- Government Agencies
- Iwi
- Medical and Healthcare Providers (including Maori and Pacific health care providers)
- Pacific and new migrant groups and agencies
- Road Safety groups and agencies
- Business and Service Organisations
- Schools

## Why would a community want to be a safe community?

- Want to reduce the numbers and cost of injuries & violence
- Want to promote health and safety in their community
- Community pride
- To encourage people and families to move to their community
- To demonstrate that they can make a difference at a local level
- To change perceptions
- To improve the quality of life for themselves and their community
- To Save Lives
- To prevent duplication
- To have a systematic proven model to allow for 'gaps' and emerging issues to be identified.



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