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### PPSCN Webinar Series

The webinars are designed to be of particular value to SC coalitions and co-ordinators. The following topics will be presented in 2015:

- Home Safety & Safe Communities (12 Mar, 1.30pm)
- Youth Initiatives & Safe Communities (28 May, 1.30pm)
- Alcohol & Drugs & Safe Communities (13 Aug, 1.30pm)
- Working with Minority Groups within Safe Communities (5 Nov, 1.30pm)

To view 2013 and 2014 archived webinars, see the SCFNZ website.

### Upcoming events

Child Custody Evaluations and Domestic Violence: New Research and Implications for Practice  
18 March 2015  
Auckland, New Zealand

Third UN Global Road Safety Week 2015  
Children and road safety  
4-10 May 2015

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you were able to find at least a little time to relax and enjoy some of the fabulous summer weather we have been experiencing. We also hope that you have been taking the opportunity to advocate the SunSmart principles and promote the relevant resources at community events you have been involved in (see <http://sunsmart.org.nz>).

We look forward to supporting your Safe Community and its activities during 2015. We have put together a programme of webinars for this year (see details on the left of this page) and have started planning for the National Forum later in the year. We will let you know as soon as we have the dates finalised.

### Reminders:

- SC Annual Reports are due 31 March.

## Synergy Shines in SC Coalition Survey

The annual SC coalition survey gives each SC an indication of how well their coalition is working and identifies areas for potential improvement. In the 2014 SC coalition survey, it was pleasing to see that 58% of SCs showed overall improvement in synergy from the 2013 survey and a further 6% of SCs maintained their level of synergy. In addition, it was good to see the number of SCs improving or maintaining high standards in the other parameters measured (see table below).

	SC who showed overall improvement from previous year			% of SC who maintained high level from previous year
	% of SC	range	median	
<b>Synergy</b>	58%	2-20%	9%	6%
<b>Leadership</b>	58%	4-20%	12%	6%
<b>Administration/ Management</b>	53%	4-28%	12%	24%
<b>Non-Financial resources</b>	58%	4-18%	4%	18%
<b>Satisfaction with participation</b>	70%	2-14%	8%	6%
<b>Adoption of Safer Practices</b>	58%	4-20%	10%	12%

The overall synergy score indicates how successful the collaborative process of the coalition has been thus far.

For further information or a full report, e-mail: [contact@scfnz.org](mailto:contact@scfnz.org)

22nd International Safe Communities Conference  
From Grassroots Stepping Stone  
Through Global Vision  
23-25 November 2015  
Nan, Thailand

12th Australasian Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Conference,  
Impact and Innovation: Preventing Injury in a Changing World  
25-27 November 2015  
Sydney, Australia

Save the date: 12<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion - Safety 2016 – WHO co-organized  
From research to implementation  
18-21 September 2016  
Tampere, Finland

### Highlighted Resources

The HPA has published the methodology of the Health and Lifestyles Survey.

This biennial survey assesses the health behavior/attitudes of New Zealanders aged at least 15 years and of parents and caregivers of 5- to 16-year-olds.

Safekids Aotearoa is running a Show us your 'Falls' Noticeboard competition. Photos of falls injury-themed noticeboards using Safekids resources can win monthly prizes until July 2015. Email photos to [campaign@safekids.org.nz](mailto:campaign@safekids.org.nz)

### Contact Us

If you want to learn more about Safe Communities in New Zealand or want to become a Safe Community, visit our website or e-mail us:

[www.safecommunities.org.nz](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz)  
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SCFNZ is an International Safe Community Support Centre to the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion & Accrediting Centre for the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network.



## Alcohol Use in NZ: Facts from the HPA

The HPA has released new fact sheets on alcohol consumption in New Zealanders, as determined by the 2013 Attitudes and Behaviour towards Alcohol Survey (ABAS 2013). One fact sheet examines [perceptions of the acceptability of risky drinking and the existence of a risk drinking culture in adults](#). Another reports on alcohol use in 15- to 17-year-olds in terms of [alcohol consumption and attitudes](#).

## Child & Youth Mortality & Off-Road Vehicles

A special report on child and youth mortality from motorcycle, quad bike and motorized agricultural vehicle use was released by the Child and Youth Mortality Review Committee, which operates under the Health Quality & Safety Commission New Zealand, in December 2014.

Among the key messages of the report is the finding that recreational use of off-road vehicles is the second most common cause of recreational death of children in New Zealand. On average, 3 children aged under 15 years die annually in off-road vehicle accidents. The report provides community messages about children operating or riding as a passenger on off-road vehicles, and calls for cross-sector collaboration to improve the related statistics. It advocates the WHO Safe Community model as a valuable support mechanism for improving the quality of community safety initiatives. [Click here for the full report.](#)

## National Graffiti Free Week

Keep New Zealand Beautiful (KNZB), the Ministry of Justice and Resene are partnering to carry out [National Graffiti Free Week](#) from 16-22 March 2015. Choose a wall in your neighbourhood to create your own event and advertise it on the Graffiti Free website. Resene will provide free grey paint to cover graffiti; email [Resene](#) with your personal and project details and the quantity required.

[For more information and resources, click here.](#)

## Multilingual Safety Guidelines from Police

The NZ Police has published multilingual safety guidelines.

'A Guide to Crime Prevention', covering family violence, alcohol, internet safety, and safety for children and older people, and a 'Business Crime Prevention' booklet.

As well as 'Kia Ora – Your Guide to Keeping Safe' (aimed at visitors to NZ) covering issues such as alcohol, road and water safety and protecting property. It also includes contact details for major police stations. [Go to: http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics-for-these-guides.](http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/publications-statistics-for-these-guides)

## New SC Coordinators: Welcome!

We are pleased to welcome two new SC co-ordinators so far this year. Kate Osto is the SC Project Co-ordinator for Palmerston North, and Christine Renata is the SC Co-ordinator in Central Hawkes Bay. We hope you both are enjoying your new positions and look forward to working with you.