

Safe Communities Foundation NZ

Our Vision That all people in their communities can live, work and play safely free from preventable injury and crime.



Welcome to
Safe Communities Foundation NZ



Tania Peters - CEO

As a not-for-profit national organisation, Safe Communities Foundation NZ is proud to support the accreditation of communities currently engaged in community safety initiatives. Accreditation is based on the Safe Community model, recognized by the World Health Organization as an effective intervention to improve community safety.

Making New Zealand communities a safer place

What we do

- SCFNZ was created to specifically support communities become effective advocates and enablers of injury and crime prevention at community level. SCFNZ works with the existing and new community coalitions to:
 - Community based safety coalitions provide the platform and channels for central and local Government to reduce injuries, crime and dangerous environments through a focus on high risk groups and environments, leadership and collaboration.
- Grow and strengthen community safety activities to create safer environments and increase the adoption of safer behaviours.
- Support and encourage community coalitions to build safety capacity and achieve accreditation and recognition under the international criteria, as a Safe Community.
- Government has a focus on “investing for outcomes”. Because of this there is a need for greater involvement of target communities in the design and delivery of services. Communities on one hand need to understand and take ownership of issues facing them, but also want and need greater autonomy in the design and delivery of services and programmes.

Why we do it

- A safe community is a place that is attractive to live in, work and visit. Communities are supported by, and can demonstrate their capacity to do this, through the adoption of the Safe Community model and reaching the international criteria for accreditation.



“Lets work together because injuries are preventable”

Think Safe | Feel Safe
Act Safe | Be Safe



How we do it

Safe Communities are supported through adopting and using criteria in the Safe Communities model. This criteria sets the foundations for effective injury and crime prevention through:

1. Leadership and collaboration
2. Reach of programmes to ensure they cover the region and based on proven or promising interventions
3. Programmes target and promote safety for high risk and vulnerable groups and environments
4. Analysis of local and national safety data (injury, crime, violence and safety perception)
5. Regular evaluation of programmes and activities
6. Communication and networks used to support community engagement

Accredited Safe Communities in New Zealand

As at February 2017 we have 32 Territorial Authorities accredited as a Safe Community in New Zealand covering a population of over 2.2 million.

Our key focus areas

1. Support communities capability and impact in identifying high risk injury areas (focus on what is important)
2. Mentoring to create effective coordination of community efforts
3. Strengthen communities capacity and capability in mobilising actions
4. Community evaluation to demonstrate contribution in reducing injury

Our key relationships

- New Zealand Communities
- Accredited Safe Communities
- Pan Pacific Safe Communities Network
- International Safe Community Movement
- World Health Organization
- Accident Compensation Corporation
- Ministry of Health
- Health Promotion Agency
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Social Development
- New Zealand Police
- National Agencies
- Local Government



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