

# Safe Communities Foundation NZ

**Our Vision** Communities in New Zealand are safe, vibrant, resilient and connected. He haumarū, hihiri, manahau me hono hapori i roto i Aotearoa.



Welcome to  
**Safe Communities Foundation NZ**



**Tania Peters - CEO**

As a not-for-profit national organisation, we are proud to support the accreditation of communities currently engaged in community wellbeing initiatives, making them resilient, safer and better connected.

## Who are we

Established in 2004, Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) is a non-government organisation with charitable trust status and is a Safe Community Support and Accrediting Centre of the Pan Pacific Safe Community Network (PPSCN). SCFNZ is the national coordinating body for Safe Communities within New Zealand.

The Safe Communities model promotes public health and community development principles in its approach to individual and community wellbeing and resilience. And this actively supports the Government wellbeing agenda, the Local Government Act reforms, the post-COVID-19 Caring for Communities initiative, and the overarching Sustainable Development Goals.

The model also aligns to the systemic theory of Injury Prevention as Social Change reframing injury prevention at the population level.

## What we do

- Sustain and grow the Safe Community movement
- Be an influencer to adopt wellbeing and safety practices
- Build community social impact
- Grow and diversify our sphere of influence
- Strengthen Safe Community capabilities

## Why we do it

Safe Communities:

- ✓ A national network that focuses on community wellbeing and resilience
- ✓ A proven model with structure and accountability
- ✓ Key stakeholders together. Collaborative action requires collaborative governance.
- ✓ Promotes community 'ownership' and action
- ✓ Enables the effective allocation and targeting of resources



*“ Safety is a:  
fundamental human  
right; a shared  
responsibility;  
an attainable  
aspiration.”*

## The difference we want to make

**Increased community capability and self-determination** Communities have the skills, leaders and capabilities needed to drive and sustain positive local change to achieve their aspirations.

**Increased synergy** through developing collaborative relationships that can build critical mass and credibility. Increased impact and reach. One message many voices, resulting in the continuity of messages and interventions, and their sustainability.

**Increased family and whānau resilience** People have the skills, strategies and networks that they need to achieve and maintain wellbeing.

**Increased inclusion and social cohesion** Connections are built within and between communities, creating an environment in which people feel included and that they belong.

**Increased social equity** All people, families and communities can access safe housing, health, education, sporting and employment opportunities.

**Enhanced community safety.** Improvements in perceptions of safety, the creation of vibrant yet safe environments, adoption of safer behaviours, increased wellbeing with a long-term reduction in severity and incidence of injury/violence/crime and alcohol related harm.

## Accredited Safe Communities in New Zealand

Safe Communities is a well-established local, regional, and national network that supports wellbeing, placemaking, resilience and injury/violence prevention initiatives. The network covers 65% of NZ population through the accreditation of 24 city and district council areas throughout New Zealand.

*Safe Communities concepts embody the values and philosophies of whanaungatanga (relationships), manaakitanga (respect, care and support), and tino rangatiratanga (self-determination and autonomy). The Manifesto for Safe Communities states that “All human beings have an equal right to health and safety”.*

Accredited Safe Communities provide the ideal platform and channels for central and local government to improve the wellbeing of New Zealanders and their whanau through supporting resilient, safer and more connected communities.



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