

SCFNZ *Who we are*

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ), established in 2004, is a not-for-profit national organisation with charitable trust status, a visible national champion for the promotion of World Health Organisation (WHO) Safe Communities Model, International Safe Schools and Passport to Safety.

SCFNZ works collaboratively with key stakeholders to further support the development of community-based safety promotion and injury prevention both within NZ and internationally. SCFNZ is committed to supporting the development of a positive safety culture and safe environments for all, through its community and school-based safety initiatives.

Vision:

“A safe New Zealand, becoming injury free”.

Mission:

Provide leadership, promote best practice and build the capacity of communities/schools to become Safe Communities and Safe Schools.

Values:

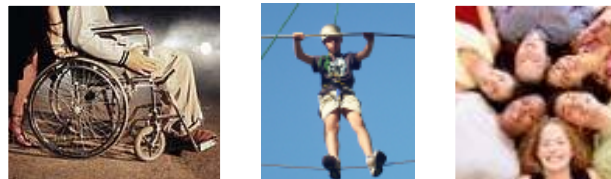
SCFNZ's work is based on **three** core values:

1. **Safety** is a fundamental human right.
2. **People** are at the heart of making communities/schools, safer places in which to live, work, learn, travel & play.
3. **Everybody** has a responsibility to promote & maintain their safety & the safety of others.



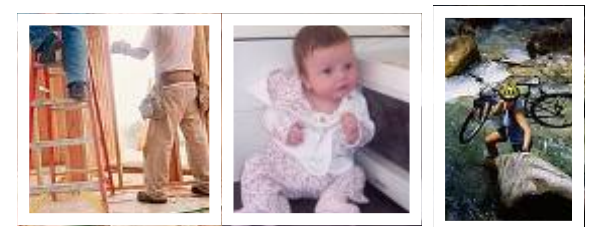
SCFNZ *Main roles*

- Work collaboratively with other key stakeholders to further support the development of community-based safety promotion and injury prevention. The SCFNZ staff profile includes expertise in injury prevention, safety promotion, policy, strategic planning, research, evaluation, and community development.
- Accredit communities and schools engaged in safety promotion and/or injury prevention initiatives. SCFNZ staff work in collaboration with the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.
- Provide information and resources to improve knowledge of proven and promising community-based safety promotion and injury prevention strategies. SCFNZ staff work with other key agencies to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Advocate for evidence-based community injury prevention and safety promotion initiatives. SCFNZ provides an opportunity for all relevant stakeholders to increase action on injury prevention and safety promotion.



SCFNZ *What we do*

- Assist communities and schools to develop and sustain Safe Communities and Safe Schools programmes.
- Work collaboratively with government and non-government agencies, industry & businesses to improve safety.
- Access data to enable communities to profile their injury burden and proceed with programmes on an evidence base.
- Develop relevant injury prevention and safety promotion resources.
- Provide networking opportunities at local, national and international levels.
- Provide strategic policy and operational advice and support.
- Provide and assist with training courses, methodological development and transfer of technology.
- Conduct research and evaluation.
- Encourage appropriate documentation and dissemination of community-based initiatives.
- Advocate on behalf of Safe Communities.
- Accredit Safe Communities.
- Accredit International Safe Schools.
- Administer and facilitate uptake of 'Passport to Safety' programme.

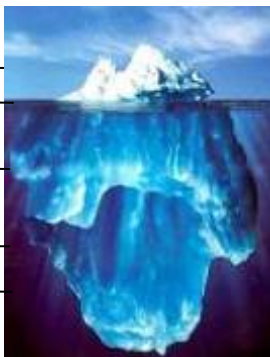


SCFNZ *Why reduce the injury burden?*

Injury prevention is an investment in maintaining wellness & provides an opportunity to encourage the development of safer environments & a safety culture amongst individuals, families, businesses & the wider community.

In NZ, injury is the leading cause of death for ages 1 to 34 years, & the second leading cause of hospitalisation. Annual & survey data indicates that there were:

- 1,604 Deaths
- 49,814 Hospitalisations more than 24hrs
- 250,419 Emergency Department visits
- 1.6 million ACC claims
- 214,400 People with long-term injury disability



Injuries account for more potential years of life lost than cancer & heart disease combined. Injury is also an important cause of disability & costs NZ taxpayers, employers, insurers & individuals billions of dollars each year. Current evidence indicates that the social & economic costs of injury are high, approximately \$6-7 billion per year, yet many injuries and their consequences are preventable.

We must accept that death & injuries, due to violence & injuries, are not "accidental", & that much can be done to reduce them effectively.


The **Safe Community Model** for injury prevention is a proven & sustainable model for reducing the injury burden which has shown injury reductions on average 30% - even up to 60%.

SCFNZ *Staff assistance is available for your community.*

"Let's work together"



because injuries are preventable"

 Please contact us for more information about the services offered by the SCFNZ.

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*Think Safe
 Feel Safe
 Act Safe
 Be Safe*

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*Safety
 Promotion &
 Injury
 Prevention
 Lasts a
 Lifetime*

An introduction to **Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand**



*SCFNZ is a:
 Certifying Centre and
 Affiliate Safe Community Support Centre of the WHO
 Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.
 Affiliate Centre with Certifying Authority of the
 International Safe Schools Movement.*

