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# Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand

Certifying Centre for Safe Community Programs

On behalf of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion,  
Department of Public Health Sciences Division of Social Medicine, Karolinska Institute, Sweden

## Wanganui Safe Community



**Name of the Community:** Wanganui

**Country:** New Zealand

**Number of inhabitants:** 42,636 (2006 Census)

**Programme started year:** 2007

**International Safe Communities Network Membership:** 2010

**Info address on the Programme:** <http://www.familyservices.govt.nz/my-community/making-things-happen/planning/territorial-local-authorities/safe-communities/index.html>

**Full application available:** [www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/wag](http://www.safecommunities.org.nz/sc/wag)

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[www.wanganui.govt.nz](http://www.wanganui.govt.nz)

**The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:**  
**For the age group**

### **Children 0-14 years:**

- Young Cyclist of the Year
- Child restraint checking clinics
- BikeWise Month
- Birthright Wanganui (single parents)
- Incredible Years
- S.K.I.P. Whanganui
- For Our Kids



Mayoral Challenge

### **Youth 15-24 years:**

- High on Life
- Dare
- Driver licensing programmes
- The White Water Years
- Computer Clubhouse
- Make It. Take It.
- Underground Youth Fashion Show
- Youth Committee
- For our Kids
- Whanganui Youth Access to Alcohol summer campaign

### **Adults 25-64 years:**

- Ladies Night at Mega Mitre 10
- Club Gold Walking Club
- New Zealand Safety Week
- Whanganui Workplace Health and Safety Forum

### **Older Adults 65+ years:**

- Modified Tai Chi for Older Adults
- Age Concern Expo (2 yrly)
- Older People's Forum
- Club Gold Walking Club
- Senior Gym Circuit
- Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention
- Accredited Visiting Service

### **In the following Environments:**

#### **Home:**

- New Zealand Safety Week each September
- Modified Tai Chi for Older Adults
- 303 Parent Support Centre
- Neighbourhood Support Groups
- Elder Abuse and Neglect Prevention
- Accredited Visiting Service

#### **Traffic:**

- BikeWise
- Child restraint checking clinics
- Whanganui Learning Centre's driver licensing programme
- Whanganui Road Safety Action Plan
- Te Ora Hou's driver licencing programme
- Intersections campaigns
- Mobility scooter users' safety workshop

#### **Occupational:**

- Whanganui Workplace Health & Safety Forum
- Health and Safety Practitioners Forums

- Workplace Neighbourhood Support (300 members)

**School:**

- A range of injury prevention initiatives in schools and pre-school providers
- School patrols & walking school buses
- Underground Youth Fashion Show
- Health Promoting Schools

**Sports:**

- Sport Wanganui
- Sport and recreation is included in the Safety & Wellbeing reference group

**Leisure:**

- Continuous improvement of public parks, reserves and playgrounds
- Monitoring of playground injuries at Council-owned facilities
- Provision and lighting of a shared pathway along the Whanganui River

**Other:**

- Provision of "Fix-it" forms for reporting of unsafe conditions or anything requiring repair.
- Using CPTED principles in planning
- Community Patrol
- Safety displays at National Children's Day and Whanau Day

**Violence prevention (intentional injuries):**

- Anger Change for Mothers
- Intensive home-based Social Work
- Free To Be Me
- Te Rito Community Action Plan to 2012
- Family Violence Intervention Network

**Suicide prevention (self-inflicted injuries):**

- Training provided to agencies on youth and depression
- Kai Piki Te Ora

**Programmes aiming at "High risk-groups":**

- Modified Tai Chi for older adults
- Te Ora Hou's driver licencing programme
- Mobility scooter users' safety workshop
- May Day for people with disabilities
- For Our Kids
- High on Life
- Life to the Max



Launch of Wanganui Safety Plan

## **Surveillance of injuries:**

Average number per year:

- New entitlement claims – 1487 year (2003 – 2008)
- Hospital discharges as the result of injury – 735 year (2003 – 2007)
- Deaths as the result of injury – 25 per year (2001 - 2005)

Population base: 43,636 (2006 Census)

Started year: As above

## **Produced information material, pamphlets:**

- Safer Wanganui: Our Injury Profile
- Safer Wanganui: Background
- Safer Wanganui Safety Plan, view at <http://www.familyservices.govt.nz/my-community/making-things-happen/planning/territorial-local-authorities/safe-communities/>

## **International commitments:**

Study visits:

Participation in Safe Community conferences:

- A paper presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community Conference in Christchurch 2008

Hosting "Travelling Seminars":

- Dr Carolyn Coggan on 20 April 2010
- ALAC and SCFNZ Alcohol Seminar on 20 April 2009
- Laurie Gabites from Safer Wellington on 12 August 2009

Other:

- Attendance at SCFNZ forum in Auckland on 23 August 2009

## **Staff**

Number: 1

Professions: Administrator, Safer Wanganui

Part-time or full-time: 20 hours per week

Organization: Wanganui District Council

Specific intersectoral leadership group: Safer Wanganui steering group

General public health/health promotion group: 6 Safer Wanganui reference groups covering safety and wellbeing, family violence, alcohol and other drugs, justice, road safety and emergency planning

