

Safer Hastings

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A Safe Community is... a community where people can go about their daily activities in an environment without fear, risk of harm or injury.

"Working towards a Safer Hastings is achieved through collaboration and shared common goals. A lot has been achieved, but there is much work to do and I am confident that with the increase in partner agencies we will be able to have an even bigger impact on creating a safer community."

Cr Eileen Lawson, Chair Safer Hastings

Hastings reaccredited as a Safe Community!

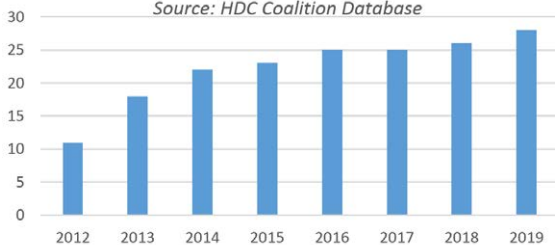
Hastings has been re-accredited as a Safe Community, six years on from first being designated an International Safe Community in 2013.

Over the last six years much work has gone into creating and sustaining supportive and connected communities, safe homes, safe roads, safe public spaces and reducing the effects of addiction-related harm in Hastings.



Safer Hastings Coalition Partners

Source: HDC Coalition Database



When the council first signed the Safe Community Agreement in 2013 it had seven coalition partners – today that number has grown to 29 coalition partners.

While the reaccreditation does not mean that Hastings district will always be safe from injury and violence, it does mean that there is a robust coalition of key government and community stakeholders working across a range of sectors who are committed to reducing harm and improving community safety.

The re-accreditation process was an opportunity to celebrate the work of our coalition partners in the community. The review team were taken on a tour of the district to see first-hand the work the agencies were doing to achieve the goals of a Safer Community. This included installing free smoke alarms in homes, setting up Neighbourhood Support groups, exercise classes for seniors to help with fall prevention, gambling recovery services, and road safety promotion.



Connected Agencies & Communities

Community resilience planning

The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group community engagement team has been working with Hastings communities to help them prepare for emergencies, running resilience planning sessions in Clive and the Cape Coast.

In a major emergency, your community may be on its own for the first few hours, or even days. But you won't be alone – you'll be with your family, friends, co-workers or neighbours. A community resilience plan brings community members together, to help coordinate and speed up how they'll look after each other after an emergency.



Clive Community members working on their community resilience plan with HBCDEM

Want to know more? Check out the group's website for more information, or get in touch with the community engagement team by emailing enquires@hbemergency.govt.nz

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Safe in my home



Hawke's Bay Hundy

Congratulations to our Safer Hastings coalition team that took part in the Hawke's Bay Hundy!

Our emergency service partners see the effects of mental health in our society on a daily basis. Often this constant exposure to emotional and tragic events causes their own to suffer from mental health issues as well.

The event, a 100km relay run, was a way for us to promote awareness of mental health issues. Starting at the Bay View Fire Station, runners followed the Hawke's Bay iWay network past all the fire stations in the area, finishing in Hastings.

All proceeds from the event went to STAROS, which runs support groups for individuals and families that have been affected by suicide.

A great effort for a great cause!



Safe roads

Scootering with Clive School

Clive School has a safe school travel plan. This plan provides an opportunity for parents, caregivers, the school and the community to work together to improve safety on school travel routes.

Students recently got the chance to put their scooter training into practice by cruising down to the William Nelson Skate Park with the iWay team for some fun.



Not only did they get to try out their new scooter skills, they got a sweet Safer Hastings drink bottle, and got to meet Napier scooter star Alex Madsen who was hanging out at the park with her mates. She put on an amazing show for the kids!



Safe in my community

Cornwall Park Playground upgrade

Back in November last year, our Disability Reference Group was consulted on the redevelopment of Cornwall Park.

Work is well underway with the new accessible toilet blocks taking shape next to the splash pad for this new premier status playground that will be accessible to children of all ages and abilities.

New accessible pathways and viewing platforms in the Osmanthus Garden are also being constructed.



People are free from addiction-related harm

Great to see a number of our Hastings premises supporting our partners at Te Rangihaeata Oranga Trust with this year's "Pause the Pokies" campaign!"



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Safer Hastings is a coalition made up of people from a diverse group of government and community agencies and a wide network of supporting organisations, all working together in a co-ordinated and collaborative way to improve community safety.

Our focus areas

- TARGET ENVIRONMENTS**
Home, road, public spaces
- TARGET GROUPS**
Youth, older people, low income families
- CONTRIBUTING FACTORS**
Alcohol, drugs & gambling addictions

How you can be involved

- Attend community workshops
- Join our information network to receive updates and newsletters
- Update Safer Hastings with your activities
- Work on a collaborative project aimed to address a specific issue.

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