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## Call for Abstracts

The 17th International Safe Communities Conference 2008 is now calling for abstracts. Papers are invited for poster, oral or workshop presentations. Authors should submit abstracts [online](http://www.safecom2008.org.nz) ( <http://www.safecom2008.org.nz>) as early as possible, but no later than **01 May 2008** .

All abstracts submitted are subject to review by the Organising Committee and will, after acceptance, be assigned to a poster, oral or workshop presentation.

## Topics / Themes

The main theme of the Conference is ***Working together to make a difference***. Posters will be positioned in key locations during the Conference and there will be a dedicated session for delegates to speak directly to poster presenters alongside their poster. Parallel sessions will run concurrently with 8 strands, i.e. 8 presentations will run at the same time for delegates to select from.

Abstracts should fit within one of the four key sub-themes that are proposed (listed below).

### 1: Working together to reduce risk: Making a difference to:

- Child and adolescent safety
- Indigenous peoples safety
- Older person's safety
- Suicide
- Road safety
- Water, sport & recreational safety
- Home safety
- Fire safety

### 2: Working together for vibrant and safe communities/cities

- Central, local government and community partners
- Culturally diverse communities
- Workplaces making a difference to safe communities
- Environmental design
- Reducing crime and violence
- Integrating research, policy and practice
- Alcohol and other drug misuse
- Rural and small communities

### **3: Working together to reduce the impact and consequences of injuries**

- Rescue services making a difference
- Treatment providers making a difference
- The role of legislation in reducing the injury burden
- Rehabilitation: Strengthening the linkages between prevention & recovery from injury
- Advocacy
- Improving the evidence base: What role for researchers, politicians, policy-makers & practitioners
- Perpetrators and victims part of the same community
- Schools contributing to a positive safety culture

### **4: Working together to build the networks to think globally, plan nationally, act locally**

- Delegates from each designated Safe Community will have the opportunity to showcase how they think globally, plan nationally and act locally. Sharing their challenges and successes, will allow for growth and direction in the systems, support and structures of the Safe Communities global network. Support from each Safe Community will be essential for these interactive sessions.

### **Conference Registration Details**

Registrations will be live early in the new year and we will send you another reminder then, detailing registration costs, accommodation options etc. In the meantime, further details including a preliminary programme are provided on the [conference website](http://www.safecom2008.org.nz) (<http://www.safecom2008.org.nz>). This website is regularly being updated so be sure to keep checking it for updates.

### **Travelling Seminar, 15-18 October 2008**

The Waimakariri District has been a International safe community by the World Health Organisation Collaborating centre on Community Safety Promotion World Health Organisation Safe Community since 1999 and we are excited to have the opportunity to host a Travelling Seminar in our backyard. The programme put together for you, has been developed by very willing community members who want to show you the best that New Zealand has to offer, and give you some memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

Join us to see a World Health Organisation Safe Community in action in the Waimakariri District of the South Island, visit some of New Zealand's iconic sights including Aorangi Mt Cook, and the magical destination of Queenstown and visit Professor John Langley and his team at the world renown Injury Prevention Research Unit as well as experiencing some uniquely New Zealand safety initiatives.

Associated with the 17<sup>th</sup> WHO International Safe Community Conference to be held in Christchurch from 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October this travelling seminar is a must for our International and national delegates. The programme has been designed to practically showcase and complement the themes of the Conference as mentioned above.

It is a rare opportunity to combine global networking opportunities with spectacular scenery and practical examples of communities working together to reduce the impact and consequences of injuries – come and see research, policy and practice in action.

We look forward to being your hosts!

**Sandra James**

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### **Travelling Seminar Registration Details:**

Bookings and payment must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008. No late bookings can be accepted after that time.

To partake in the traveling seminar you must also register for the 17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Communities Conference as a full delegate, or the accompanying person of a full delegate.

Booking will not be accepted if you have not registered for the conference itself.

Any questions please contact: Sandra James, Waimakariri District Council, [sandra.james@wmk.govt.nz](mailto:sandra.james@wmk.govt.nz)

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Should you have any further enquiries regarding the conference or any of the details in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the Conference Secretariat, Lizzie Dryden, [lizzie@conference.co.nz](mailto:lizzie@conference.co.nz)