

## Christchurch - the city

Located on the east coast of the South Island, Christchurch - just like the rest of New Zealand - is a city of contrasts.



Christchurch and Canterbury are famous for natural beauty and a wealth of things to do. With a population of approximately 350,000. Christchurch has a lively entertainment scene, strong cultural heritage, gorgeous parks and gardens, lots of sports facilities and good shopping.

Among the 'must sees' are the weekend Arts Centre market, Christchurch Art Gallery, Cathedral, Botanic Gardens and International Antarctic Centre.



## Christchurch - So Close to So Much!

There is something different to see and do within one or two hours' drive of Christchurch, in any direction.

To the east lie the open ocean and Banks Peninsula, featuring sheltered bays, sandy beaches, bush clad valleys, rocky coastline and high, wild places. Boating, tramping, a visit to the wineries and the French settlers' harbourside village of Akaroa are key peninsula attractions.

To the west, past fertile plains and braided rivers, are forested foothills and lakes. Beyond them lie the tallest



mountains in Australasia, the Southern Alps, strung out parallel to the coastline. Mountain passes with delightful alpine villages break the almost impenetrable divide and deliver the traveller to the west coast. There is a choice of western routes and plenty of ski areas on the way.

A journey north reveals green rolling hills, forests and long, empty beaches, with the whale-watching centre of Kaikoura about 2 hours' drive away, whilst an excursion to the south passes through farmland and crosses two more of Canterbury's pristine rivers, ideal for fishing in, whitewater rafting or kayaking down. Mt Hutt, the premier commercial ski area close to the city, lies to the south west. A day off-piste here gives opportunity for jet boating, fishing, horse riding or a round of golf.

Clearly visitors are spoilt for choice and residents have a superb outdoor lifestyle at their doorsteps.



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## Come to Christchurch, New Zealand in 2008!

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) and Christchurch City Council are proud to be hosting the 17th International Safe Communities conference, which is supported by the WHO Collaborating Centre on Community Safety Promotion.

### Conference Objectives:

- Celebrate and strengthen community safety as an integral part of national and international injury, health, crime and violence policies, research and programmes;
- Increase synergies and foster partnerships between those working at all levels of injury prevention, violence prevention, crime prevention and safety promotion, to enhance community safety; and
- Improve the evidence base through exchanges of the most recent findings and practices in all fields of community safety, violence prevention, crime prevention and injury prevention.

### Who Should Attend?

The conference is intended for international and national organisations and communities involved in prevention, control and research activities related to community safety focusing on reducing intentional and unintentional injuries.

Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand and Christchurch City Council look forward to hosting this conference, please note the date in your diary. For further information and to be included in email list, conferences updates, and to register your interest please email:

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### Proposed Themes and Strands

Working together to reduce risk:	<b>Making a difference to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and adolescent safety.</li> <li>• Indigenous peoples safety.</li> <li>• Older person's safety.</li> <li>• Suicide.</li> <li>• Road safety.</li> <li>• Water, sport &amp; recreational safety.</li> <li>• Home safety.</li> <li>• Fire safety.</li> </ul>
Working together for vibrant and safe communities/cities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central, local government and community partners.</li> <li>• Culturally diverse communities.</li> <li>• Workplaces making a difference to safe communities.</li> <li>• Environmental design.</li> <li>• Reducing crime and violence.</li> <li>• Integrating research, policy and practice.</li> <li>• Alcohol and other drug misuse.</li> <li>• Rural and small communities.</li> </ul>
Working together to reduce the impact and consequences of injuries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rescue services making a difference.</li> <li>• Treatment providers making a difference.</li> <li>• The role of legislation in reducing the injury burden.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation: Strengthening the linkages between prevention &amp; recovery from injury</li> <li>• Advocacy.</li> <li>• Improving the evidence base: What role for researchers, politicians, policy-makers &amp; practitioners.</li> <li>• Perpetrators and victims part of the same community.</li> </ul>
Working together to build the networks to think globally, plan nationally, act locally	<p>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.</p>



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