

## Safe Community Zhongzheng



Logo of Zhongzheng Safe Community



Country: **Zhongzheng District, Taipei City, TAIWAN**

Number of inhabitants: **160,141**

Programme started year: **2005**

International Safe Communities Network Membership: **146**

Designation Year: **2008**

Full application available: <http://www.zzsafe.org.tw/english.htm>

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**The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:**

**For the age group**

**Children 0-14 years:**

- Home visitations and safety evaluation.
- Inspection of unsafe school campus environments.
- Safe pedestrian and crossing areas and routes for schoolchildren.
- Improvement of the environments of roads surrounding elementary schools.
- Neighborhood and borough park playground facility maintenance and safety management

**Youth 15-64 years:**

- City business circle – sidewalk surface leveling construction & improvement.
- Road and traffic accident injuries.
- Mental and physical pressure tests.
- Psychological health (depression and suicide) prevention and control.
- Care hotline and resource links for women .

**Older Adults 65+ years:**

- Home visitations and safety evaluation.
- Improvement of home environmental safety and implementation follow-up.
- Fall prevention programme.

**In the following environments:**

**Home:**

■ **Home Safety Plan for Solitary Senior Citizens**

To help solitary senior citizens improve their home environments and facilities for the prevention of fall related injuries.

**The community safety mutual aid network volunteers' training**



**Home safety environment review and immediate site improvements**



**School:**

■ **The Safe to School and Safe to Home Program**

To improve the surrounding environment of the eight elementary schools in Zhongzheng District in order to provide schoolchildren with safe pedestrian spaces and school routes. To help upgrade the safe school

routes for schoolchildren.

**Cross-over bridge obstructed pedestrians' walkway. (Before)**



**After removing the bridge, pedestrians can walk home smoothly. (After)**



**Traffic:**

■ **Commercial Center Sidewalk Surface Leveling Plan**

To improve or to renovate the uneven or broken section of the sidewalk, thus falling or slipping accidents can be reduced.

**Uneven sidewalk surface, difference of 15 cm (Zhongzheng District Kaifeng St. – before improvement)**



**Even sidewalk surface (after)**



**Public place :**

■ **The Neighborhood Parks Safety Promotion Plan**

To ensure that community residents (especially children and senior citizens) may comfortably and safely use the community park playground facilities, and to establish a neighborhood park maintenance and management operating procedure to foster the safety of park environments.

**Park Playground Facility Maintenance Status Inspection Checklist**



**The district supervisor and the section chief in an inspection round**



**Condition of the park swing equipment (before maintenance)**




**Condition of the park swing equipment (after maintenance)**



**Violence and Suicide prevention:**

- Lecture and discussion on Psychological health (depression and suicide prevention and control).
- Mental and physical pressure tests
- Guidance counseling and emergency medical assistance and shelter.
- Care hotline and resource links for women and solitary senior citizens.

Psychological health Lectures	Mental and physical pressure tests	113 Care hotline
		

**Injury Surveillance:**

*Starting from July 2007, we organized the emergency rooms of the three hospitals in the district to form the “Zhongzheng District Injury Surveillance system” and began to record the causes of various injuries and to compile data statistics. The statistical results serve not only as the document to enhance the awareness of injury problems in this district, but also as the basic data for evaluation of safety promotion programs.*

**Proposed workplan for the coming years :**

- Safety and Health Promotion Program for foreigners and special groups  
To help foreigners who live at or visit zhongzheng district feel safe and easy in their daily activities.
  
- Occupational Safe and Health Promotion Program  
To identify hazards in occupational environments and to develop programs to prevent possible injuries.

**Participation in International safe community activities::**

4<sup>th</sup> Asia Region Safe Community Conference in Thailand, November 2007  
17<sup>th</sup> International Safe Community Conference, New Zealand, October, 2008

**Staff**

Number: 6 part-time staff

Organization: Zhongzheng District Community Safety and Health Promotion Association

Specific intersectoral leadership groups:

- Taiwan Branch, The Red Cross Society of the Republic of China
- Zhongzheng District Office, Taipei City
- Zhongzheng District Health Center, Taipei City

General public health/health promotion group: Zhongzheng District Health Center

