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## ***Safer North Community Trust Issue #29***

Christmas Greetings to one and all and a brief update,

First we were ShoreSafe, then ShoreSafe Community Trust and now after the new Auckland Council Ward introductions, we have adopted the name "Safer North Community Trust" so as to reflect Safe Communities north of the bridge which is part of Auckland North. Our work is that of promoting safer communities and injury prevention in all four wards. We want everyone to know that Safer North is all of us on the Shore. It is a brand we can all promote.

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It is over one year since the inception of the new Auckland Council and so many changes have occurred since 2010. Oddly though is the feeling that there is still so much still to be done. We still have uncertainty about some of the priorities that concern our communities and what will be done and supported by Council to ensure their communities are safe so that we all share a safe environment. The pathway to developing safer communities is part of the ongoing discussions in and out of Council. Council is wanting to adopt a model but has not yet agreed on the model to implement. The International Safe Communities model is accepted by the World Health Organisation and exists on the North Shore, many cities around NZ and the world. There are also schools with the International Safe School Accreditation. Murrays Bay Primary and Intermediate are two examples. Safer North has submitted and is advocating to Council to adopt this model for all of Auckland.

In 2012 the North Shore area is due to apply for its re-accreditation as a designated International Safe Community. We were the 116th in the world to receive this and the WHO model is favoured all around the world as the best tool for developing safer communities. It encourages us to use evidence-based successful programmes here instead of merely trial and error methods.

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### **Special points of interest:**

- ◆ *White Ribbon Day*
- ◆ *Child Safety*
- ◆ *Summer Youth Projects on the Shore*
- ◆ *Summer Safety*





## White Ribbon Day was 25th November 2011

en). The Families Commission took a leadership role in New Zealand in 2006.

### Men are part of the solution

- Whether you are a husband, father, brother, uncle or granddad – we all have women in our lives that we love, and wouldn't want to see subjected to violence. We all want our children to grow up in a happy, healthy environment and to go on to have happy, healthy relationships.

- Each year the campaign aims to change men's attitudes and behaviours predominately through men talking to men, in ways that men understand. Men are role models for our children. We need to nurture a culture that encourages respect and rejects violence.

- Like our White Ribbon Ambassador Ruben Wiki, we can play sports with controlled aggression, ride bikes and engage in physical activities, but we must not bring violence into our homes.

- Men and women wearing a White Ribbon, showed they did not tolerate violence against women.

- You also can make sure your home, your business or your sports club is a safe environment where abusive behaviour is not tolerated.

- The White Ribbon Campaign encourages men to talk openly about domestic violence, to break the silence around the subject. We encourage men to challenge comments, statements and actions that are abusive, and support those who wish to change their abusive behaviour.

[www.whiteribbon.org.nz](http://www.whiteribbon.org.nz).

### Key Messages of the White Ribbon Campaign

#### Violence towards women is unacceptable

#### It is ok to ask for or offer help

- No violence is tolerable. If you know someone who is being frightened or intimidated by the behaviour of someone else, it is not OK.
- Violence isn't just the physical, it's also emotional or verbal behaviour used to control someone through fear. Things we say, or don't say, contribute to the abuse.

#### Men must stand up and provide leadership

- White Ribbon Day is the international day when people, particularly men. They wore a White Ribbon to show they won't tolerate, condone or remain silent about violence towards women.
- It originated as a men's movement in Canada and is now part of the United Nations annual calendar (International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women).

Takapuna parade 25th Nov 2011



#### Item 4: New initiatives of Christchurch Women's Refuge -

“Many women don't want to leave their homes and uproot their family, but they do want to live free from violence, and they are entitled to do so. If we truly want to empower women and families to remain safe and live free from violence we have to change the way we look at the problem of family violence. That applies not only to our agency, but to our whole community. We believe that rebuilding families, free from violence, is the answer.”

Christchurch Women's Refuge Chair Madeleine Hawkesby-Browne



Whatever you do and wherever you are this summer please think **safety** and **stay safe**. Thousands may injure themselves this December-January period; don't be one of the statistics. Visit: [homesafety.co.nz](http://homesafety.co.nz) for more information

## North Shore Youth Projects Jan/Feb 2012



Come mid January, it is time for our 15-17 yr old youth to get involved in a community project or a day or more. These projects will be 'Service Learning Experiences' and the perfect opportunity to contribute to the community before the new term starts in 2012. Several projects will be occurring across the Shore and we promise to make these projects interesting and fun. Out of the home and into the community will be a valuable experience. Parents may want to volunteer their children but we really want 15-17yr olds to contact us to register and find out what is available. Projects may have limited numbers so early enquiries and enrollment is important. Participants won't know the benefits until they complete a project.

For more project information

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## News: Child Protection Reforms

Cabinet has approved a reform package to improve the way child witnesses are treated in the criminal justice system. The reforms will reduce the lengthy delays before children give evidence at court and improve the questioning of children, particularly during cross-examination. Significant reforms in the package include:

- Two legislative presumptions for child witnesses under the age of 12, which together will ensure these children can give evidence, via CCTV, at

a separate hearing which is recorded and replayed at the trial.

- A requirement that pre-recording hearings are held within a specified timeframe, to ensure children can give their evidence as early as possible.
- Introducing the option of an intermediary at court for child complainants under the age of 18.
- Ensuring all child witnesses under 18 have an automatic right to a support person

Read more at:

<http://www.justice.govt.nz/policy/justice-system-improvements/child-witnesses-in-the-criminal-courts>

A new Community safety initiative:

CRIMESTOPPERS

0800 555 111

It's anonymous and it's a safe forum when speaking up.

[www.crimestoppers-nz.org](http://www.crimestoppers-nz.org)

# Hot Tips:

- Never hold a child and a hot drink at the same time, and keep it out of reach (near the middle of the table).
- 15 minutes after being made, a cuppa may still burn. Children's skin burns quicker and deeper, and at lower temperature.
- Run the cold water first when running a bath.
- A hot water cylinder should be at least 60°C to prevent Legionella bacteria growth, but water coming out of the tap should be no hotter than 55°C. If the water at the tap feels too hot, ask your local energy supplier or a licensed plumber for advise.
- **First Aid:** Cool the burn under cold running water for at least 20 minutes.



As a new grandparent of recent months, I was reminded of something very important in regard to the above warning. I was nursing my grandson when my daughter asked me if I would like a coffee. I replied that I couldn't at that time as I was nursing Bradley. I went on to explain what risk were involved. These warnings are most often new to young first-time parents. They were babies themselves when the risk was about them. No further discussions or instructions normally occur in the growing up of our young until they are themselves in the protection role of young babies so learning about risks to babies in the vicinity of hot liquids is critical and must never be over-looked as a given that parents know the dangers and the outcomes. This Christmas why not go the extra distance and be part of the education process if you are conversing with others that could benefit from these important messages above.



Santa Claus has the right idea:  
Visit people only once a year. -  
Victor Borge

By the time a man is wise enough  
to watch his step, he's too old to  
go anywhere. - Billy Crystal

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"May your troubles be less, may your blessings be more, and may nothing but happiness come through your door." Merry Christmas

Wayne Williams and the Safer  
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