




Feel Safe. Be Safe. Community Safety Plan 2025-2029

Vision	Purpose
 <p>Our vision for community safety is grounded in equity, prevention, and collaboration—where public spaces are welcoming and accessible, and safety is co-created through strong partnerships with residents, Victoria Police, and service providers.</p>	 <p>Improve feelings and experiences of safety by creating welcoming and safe spaces, supporting communities, strengthening partnerships and reducing harm.</p>

Pillar	Objective	Broad actions:
Creating safer public places 	Design and maintain safe, accessible, welcoming, and climate resilient public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain emergency management and develop crisis responses• Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles in our public places• Conduct safety audits and rapid infrastructure interventions in identified hotspots• Improve lighting, signage, and accessibility in public spaces• Undertake joint patrols with Victoria Police• Maintain and upgrade public place CCTV systems• Apply Local Law related to public behaviour, amenity, and animal management• Partner with service providers for community outreach• Support partners to deliver drug and alcohol, and gambling responses to reduce harm• Advocate for increased Victoria Police and mental health response resources
Improving communication and information 	Improve communications and deliver programs which support a better-informed and engaged community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establish regular community conversations on safety• Deliver campaigns on online safety, misinformation, and harm reduction• Support Neighbourhood Watch and other active citizenship and crime prevention programs• Develop communication tools to address community safety concerns for all in our community around resources, services and responses, including 24-hour contacts
Strengthening social cohesion and connecting communities 	Empower and support communities to thrive, collaborate and connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide community grants for safety and social cohesion projects• Support community-led program development and delivery• Promote cultural and religious calendars to foster inclusion• Reduce isolation and strengthen community

Key priority areas identified through community feedback:

Priority actions	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Establish partner Protocols and Service Agreements	●	●		
Undertake place-based activity (including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design)	●	●	●	●
Co-design and deliver community programs	●	●	●	●
Map approaches to address family violence prevention	●	●		
Develop and deliver responses to reduce community impact and harm	●	●	●	●
Advocacy for increased Police resources	●	●		
Develop and deliver communication campaigns and programs	●	●	●	●
CCTV renewal, maintenance and expansion	●	●	●	●
Data monitoring and evaluation	●	●	●	●

Who we heard from:

To develop this plan, we asked people to share their priorities for community safety. We heard from over 800 people and more than twenty housing, health, and community organisations, and Victoria Police. We made sure we heard from people with living and lived experiences of social disadvantage and advantage, those who had experienced homelessness, and those impacted across the community safety spectrum.

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