



Community Safety Month 2009

Working together for a safer community

This is the 13th year that Community Safety Month will be celebrated in Victoria with an exciting program of events and activities which remind us that we all have a role to play in keeping our communities safe.

Community Safety Month 2009 is a community based program initiated in 1996 by the Victorian Safe Communities Network (VSCN) and is currently coordinated by Victoria Police in partnership with the VSCN.

The aim of Community Safety Month is to call on community safety professionals to focus community attention on their year round efforts to address safety issues which concern local areas.

Safety affects all parts of our lives. We are all affected by crime, violence, injury and emergencies which can occur at work, home, school, on the roads and in public places. Everyone can be encouraged to make their homes, workplaces, streets, neighbourhoods and communities safer by participating in Community Safety Month activities.

An active community is a safe community and this is a call to all our colleagues involved in community safety to get active this October to make Community Safety Month even bigger and better!

You can encourage schools, regional services, businesses, police and emergency services, road safety groups and health and welfare services to auspice safety events and activities in partnership with other organisations. For those with established partnerships, Community Safety Month provides an ideal opportunity to showcase existing safety programs and to develop new ones. Over 80% of activities are organised in partnership between organisations, groups or government agencies.

Participation in Community Safety Month demonstrates your commitment to maintaining Victoria as the safest state in Australia. By promoting safety and safe practices within your community, you will be contributing to increasing the confidence of Victorians about their safety.





This year think about doing some of these:

- Promoting CSM in newsletters and on your website
- Organising a community forum or seminar on a community safety topic of local interest
- Running competitions with safety themes in your local newspaper or work newsletter
- Distributing information flyers and leaflets to promote your safety message
- Undertaking safety audits of local areas - homes, businesses and shopping centres
- Preparing safety displays for your local shopping centre
- Launching safety projects and campaigns in your area
- Running practical workshops on safety, e.g. a self-defence seminar
- Working with other local organisations to jointly promote community safety
- Involving local celebrities or well-known sporting identities to endorse your event and messages
- Creating an open day and inviting the community to get an "inside look" at the safety measures you have in place
- Registering your Community Safety activities to share your events with others

Check the website for information on how you can get involved and register your activity
www.communitysafetymonth.com.au

Contact

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