



**The Victorian Safe Communities Network and  
the Metropolitan Fire Brigade**

**invite you to attend a free seminar**

**SENIORS' SAFETY: A STRATEGIC  
APPROACH**

**to be held on**

**Wednesday 18 June 2008**

**9:30am to 1:00pm including light lunch**

**at**

**MFB Burnley Complex**

**Please put this date in your diary now!!**

**Where**

MFB Burnley Complex  
450 Burnley Street  
Richmond  
(between Swan St & Barkly  
Ave)  
Melways ref 2H D12 & 44  
G12.

**Program outline**

09.30am – registration  
10.00am – presentations  
10.45am – morning tea  
11.20am – presentations  
12.30pm - light lunch

**How to get there**

Tram 70 from Flinders St to  
Swan Street via Tennis  
Centre or train to Burnley  
station  
Parking is available at the  
Burnley Complex.

**Please RSVP to Barbara by 16 June - [vscn.vscn@rch.org.au](mailto:vscn.vscn@rch.org.au)  
or 9345 5193**

## **Program overview**

As Victoria's population ages, seniors comprise an ever-increasingly proportion of the population. The data indicates that the injury burden increases disproportionately with increasing age. In the home, fire and burn injuries and falls are the principal safety challenges. On the roads, seniors are at increased risk as drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

Many professionals are involved in various aspects of safety for older people from those who respond to emergencies to those who prevent injury and promote safety. But where are the intersections which facilitate a strategic, integrated approach to developing specialised safety measures to guarantee quality of life for older people?

This seminar aims to present a snapshot of the issues from different professional perspectives as each group struggles with its own responsibilities. What safety programs directed towards older people can be applied in a range of situations? How can we better work together to make sure that by the time we are older, things will be better? Where are the crossovers, where do the conversations begin?

Our hosts at the MFB have brought together some of the professionals they work with, and hope to develop stronger partnerships with, to resolve some of the issues faced by all of us.

## **Program outline**

- Safety and older people: the MFB perspective
- Safety initiatives with older people: the local government perspective
- Operation Homesafe: a partnership approach
- A positive response to the safety issues of ageing: Office of Senior Victorians
- Integrating the responses: developing good practice strategies to assist professionals to improve the safety of older Victorians.

## **Presenters**

Cdr Ian Danahay	Metropolitan Fire Brigade
Cdr Frank Stockton	Metropolitan Fire Brigade
Kath Aitkin	Community Care, City of Monash
Susan Wyatt	Community Care, City of Monash
Julie Harris	Metropolitan Fire Brigade
Jaklina Michael	Royal District Nursing Service
Barbara Mountjouris	Office of Senior Victorians