

# Crime Prevention Works

Practical Approaches to Community Safety  
VSCN First Annual Conference



crime prevention victoria

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# Overview of Presentation



- Role of Crime Prevention Victoria
- Victoria's crime experience
- Crime Prevention efforts - history
- Evidence for crime prevention
- Current Approaches
- Future Directions

# Role of Crime Prevention Victoria



Contributing to building a safer community by providing leadership and support for crime prevention in Victoria.

# Victoria's Crime Experience

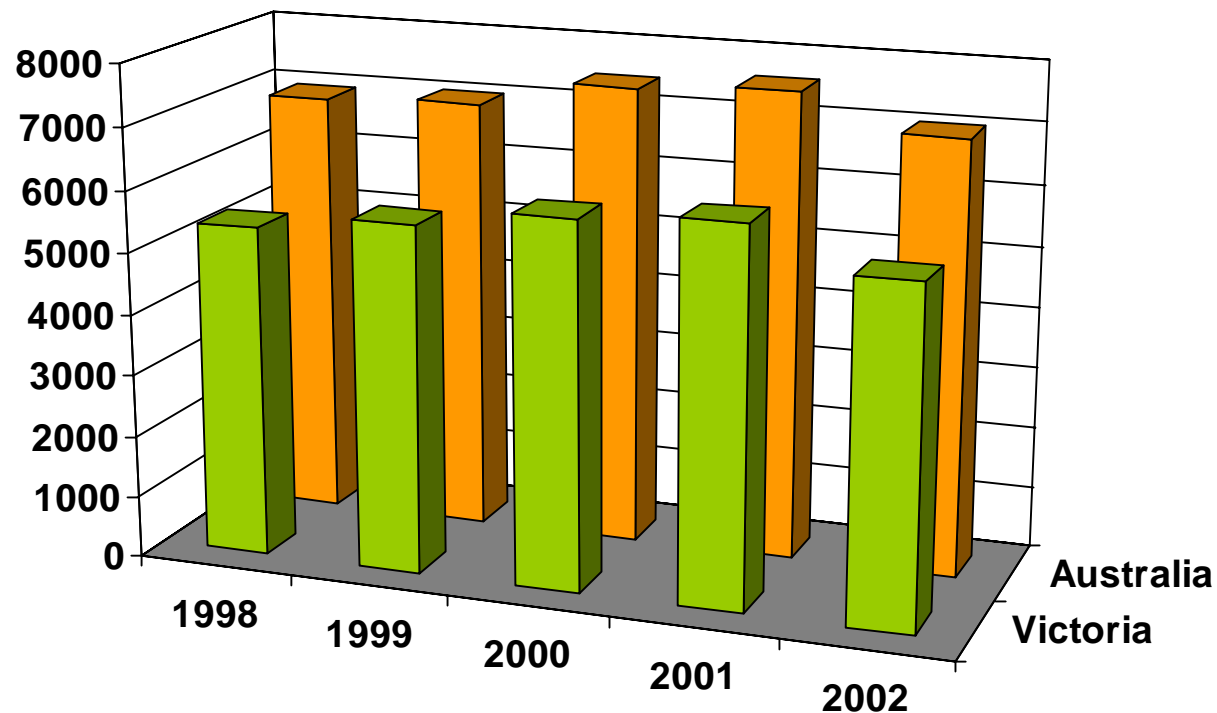


- Annual cost of crime in Australia:  
**\$AUD18b**  
(Annual Cost of Crime in Victoria: **\$AUD4b**).
- Other crime-related costs:  
**\$AUD13b**
- Total estimated annual cost of crime:  
**\$AUD 32b.**

# Victoria in the Australian Context



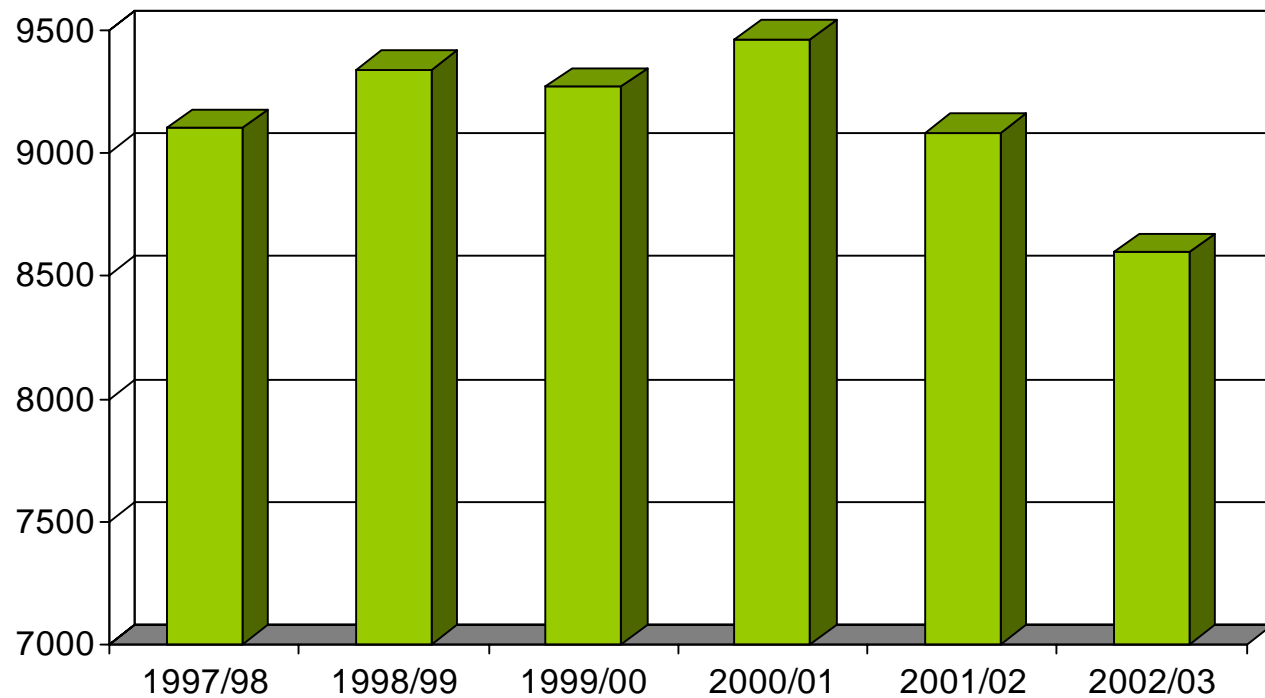
Victoria's crime rate compared with the national crime rate



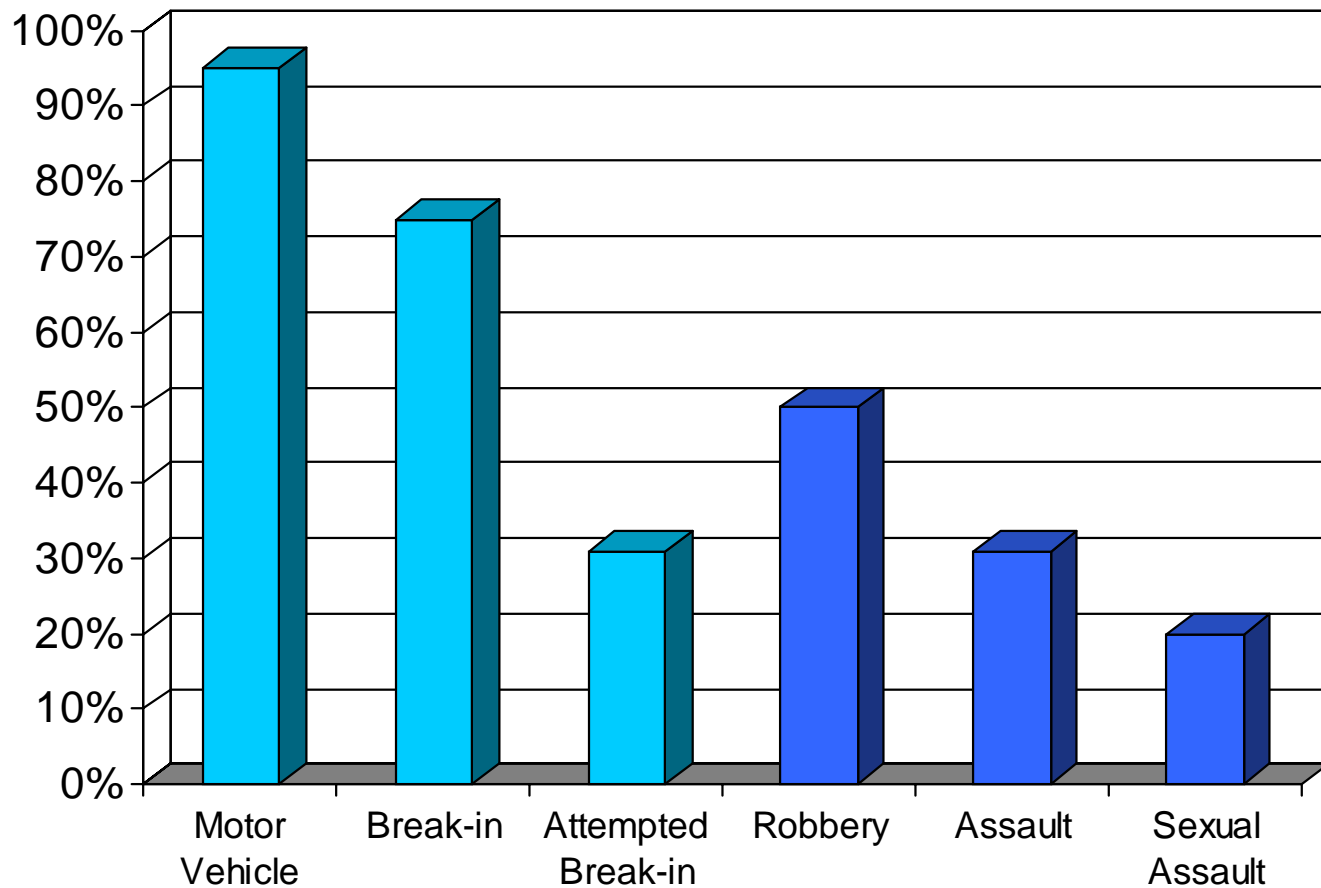
# Total Recorded Crime



## Total Reported Crime Rate per 100,000



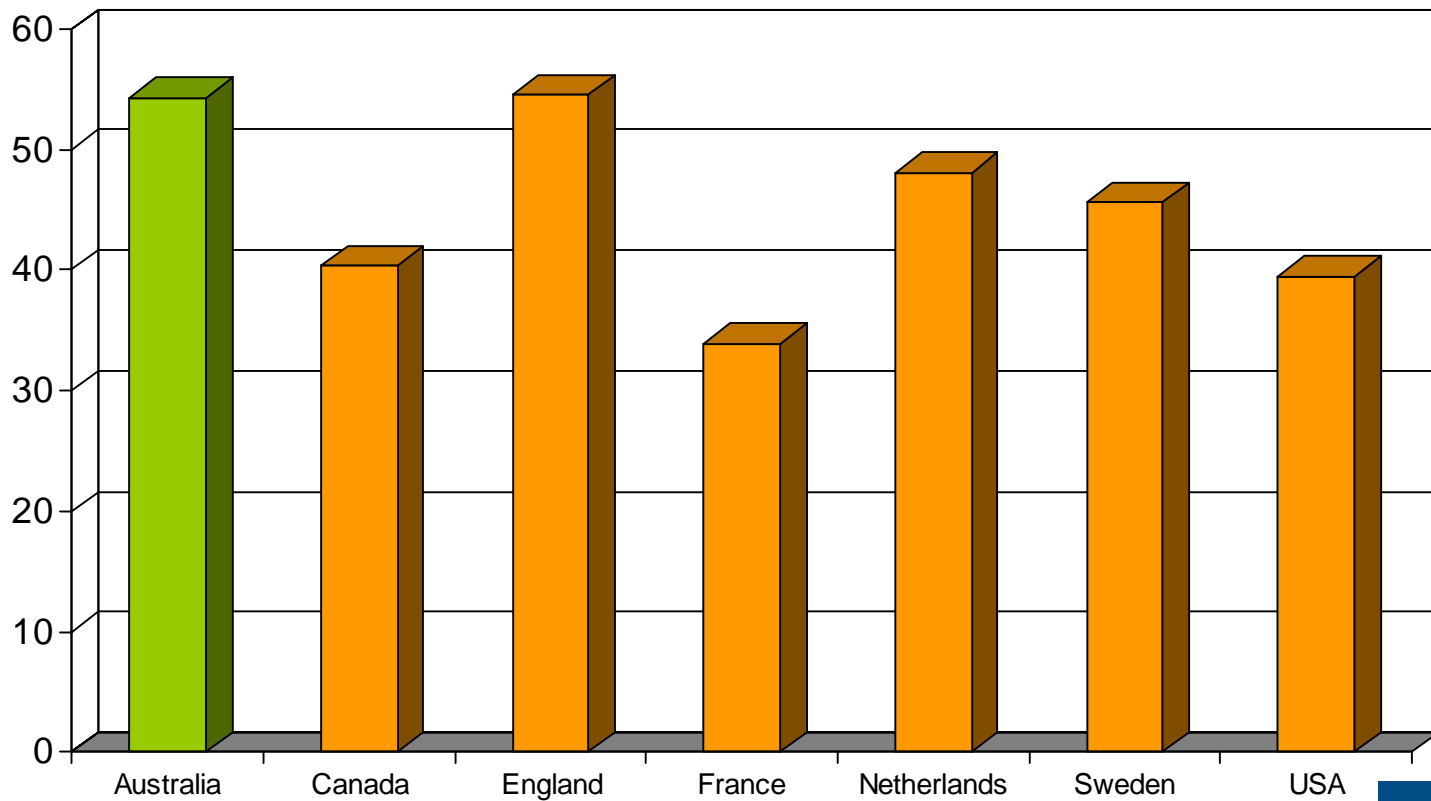
# Crimes Reported to Police



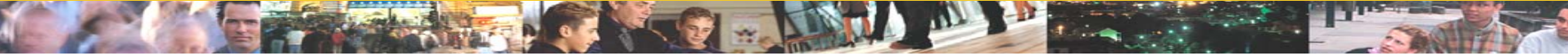
# International Victimisation Rates



## Victimisation Rates



# Crime Prevention in Victoria over the past decade



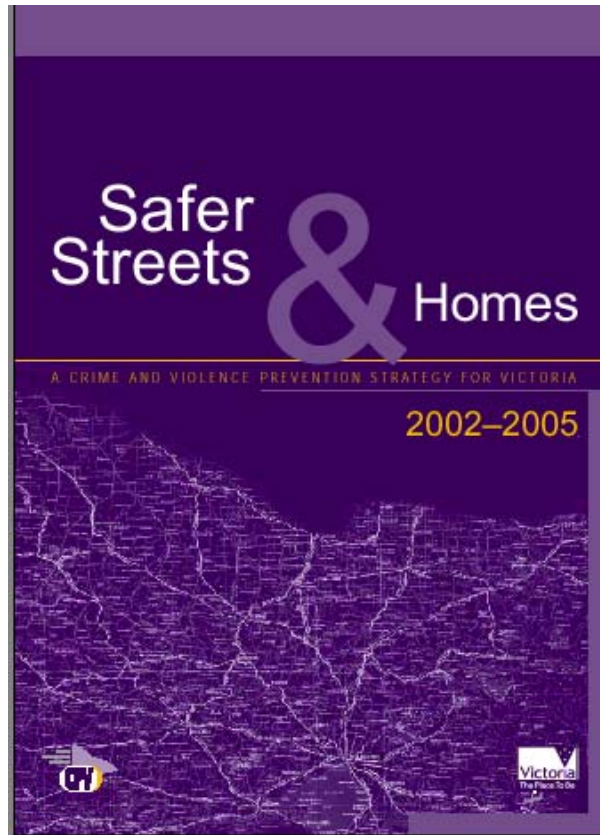
- Community Based Approaches to Crime Prevention.
- Police working with the community to address crime problems -Local Priority Policing.
- Emergence of Whole of Government / Whole of Community approaches

# Present Activities

## - *The Community Safety Spectrum*



# 'Safer Streets & Homes' Strategic Directions

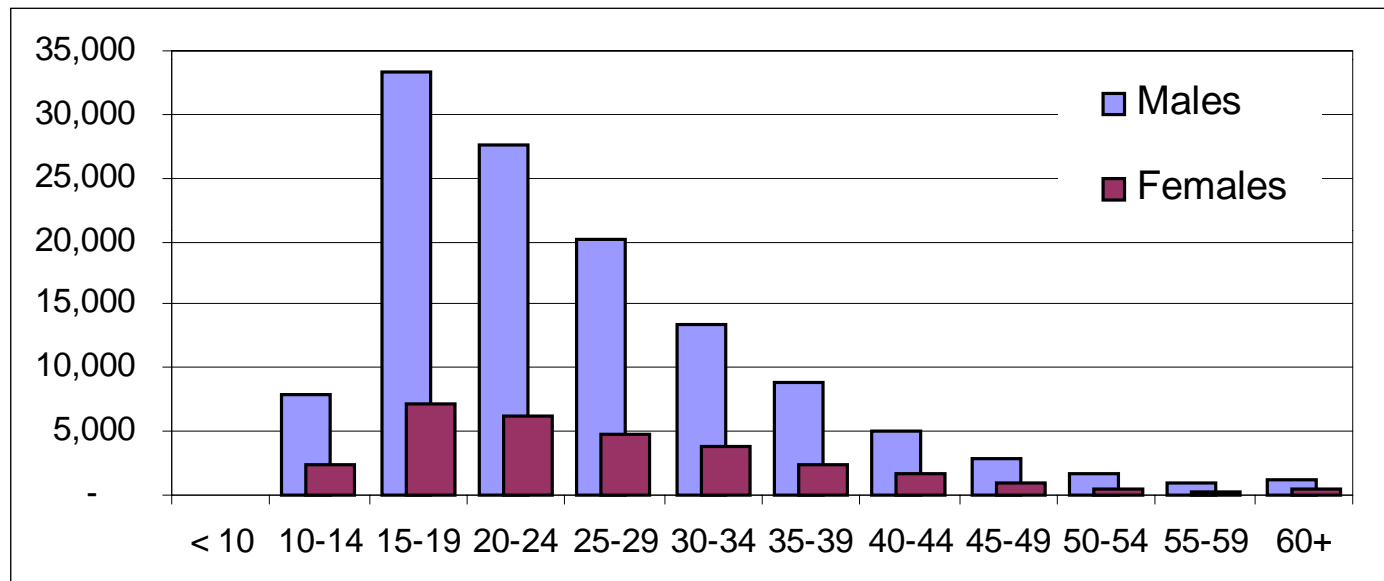


- Safety in Streets and Neighbourhoods
- Safety in the Home – Preventing Family Violence
- Reducing Offending and Violence By Young People

# Youth Focus



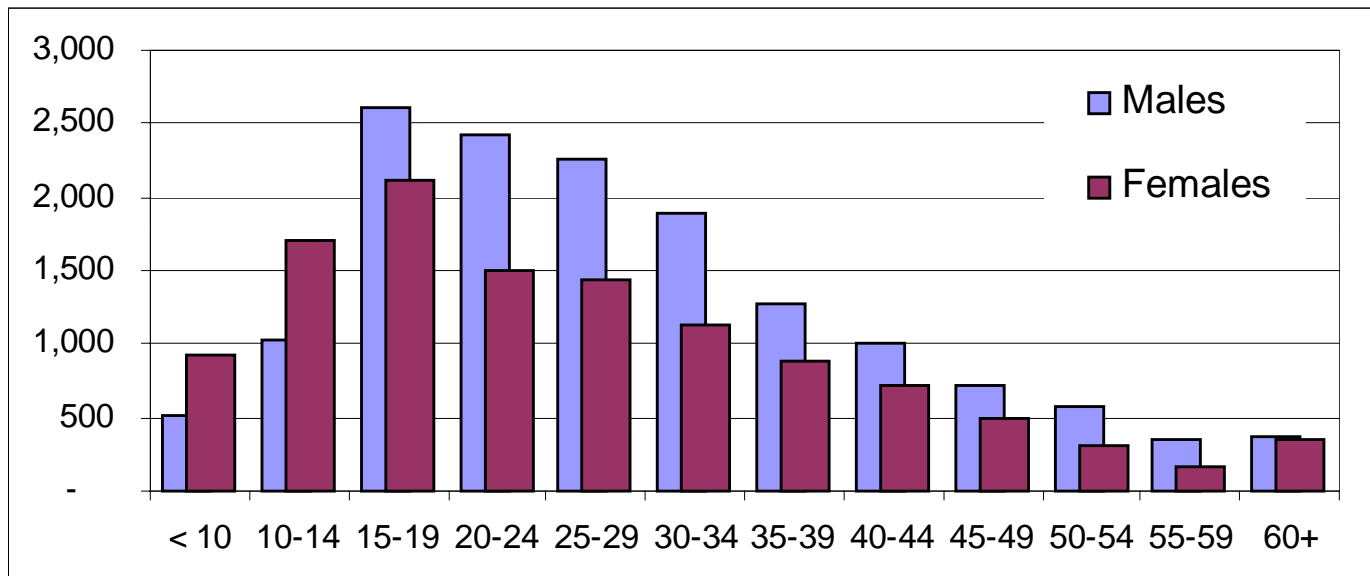
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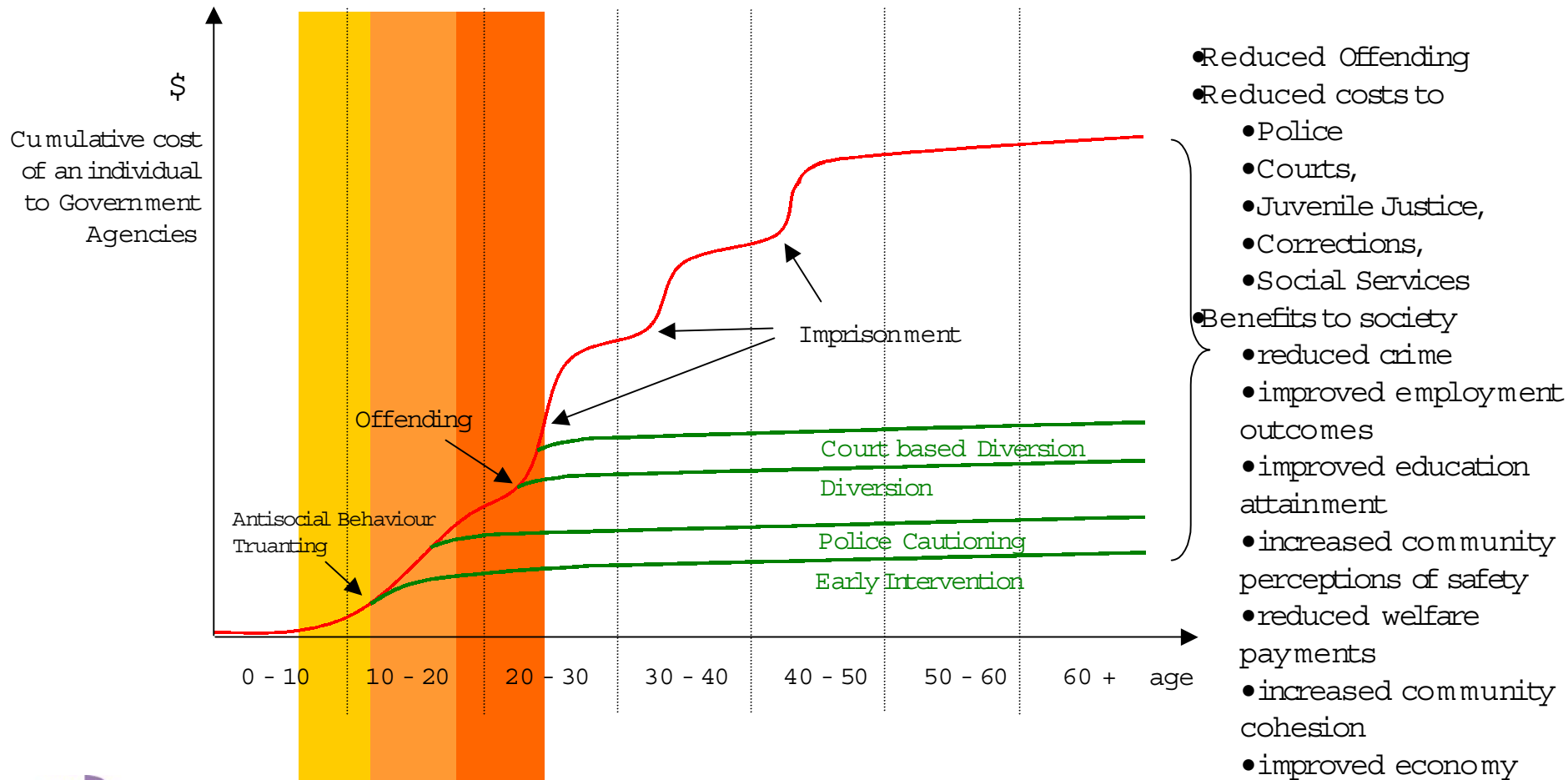
## Recorded **victims** of crime against the person by age and gender, Victoria Police, 2001/02



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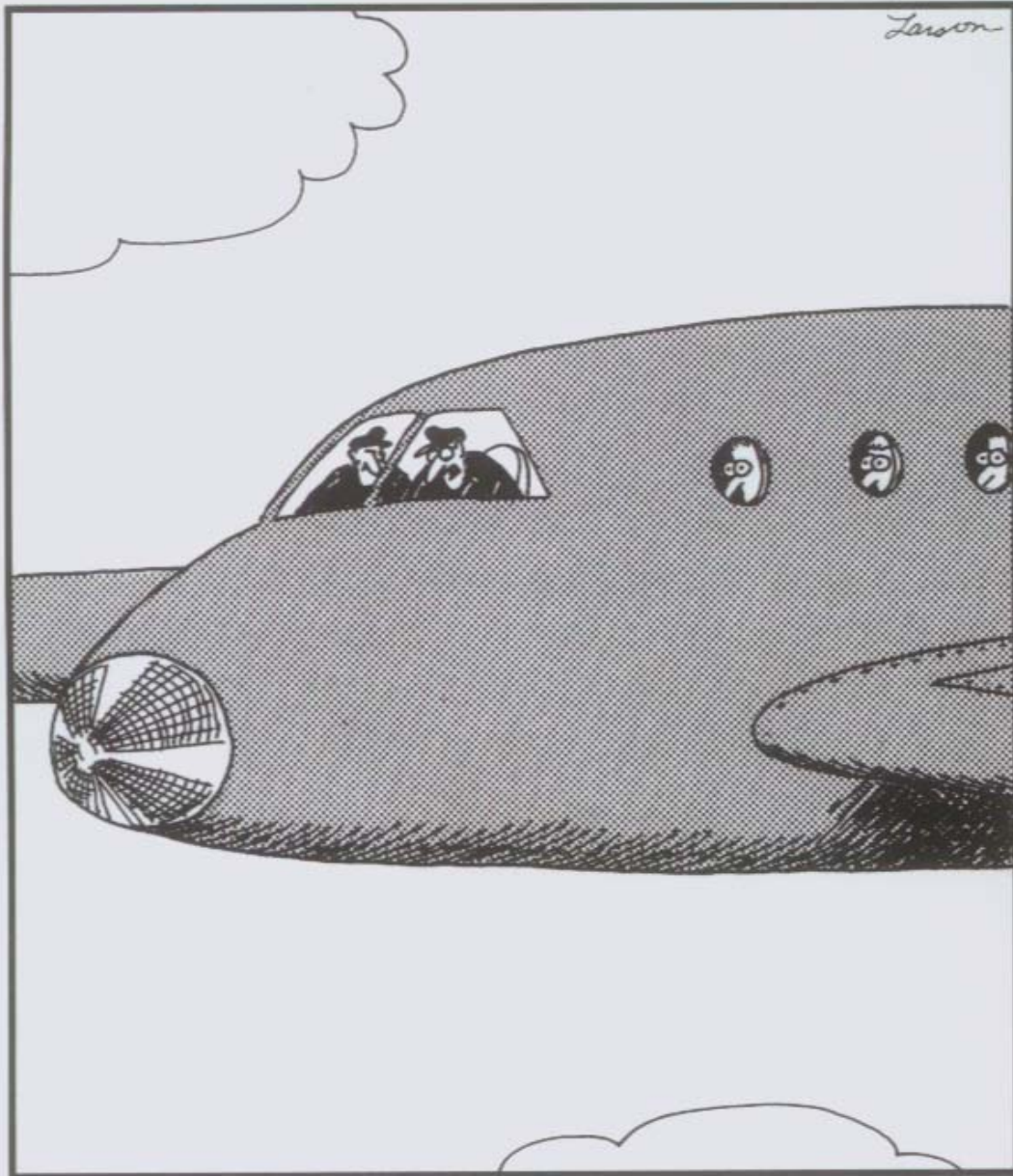
# Pathway Intervention & Diversion



# Principles of Effective Crime Prevention



- Partnerships
- Planning
- Evaluation
- Capacity Building
- Marketing
- Clear Problem Identification / Solving Methodologies

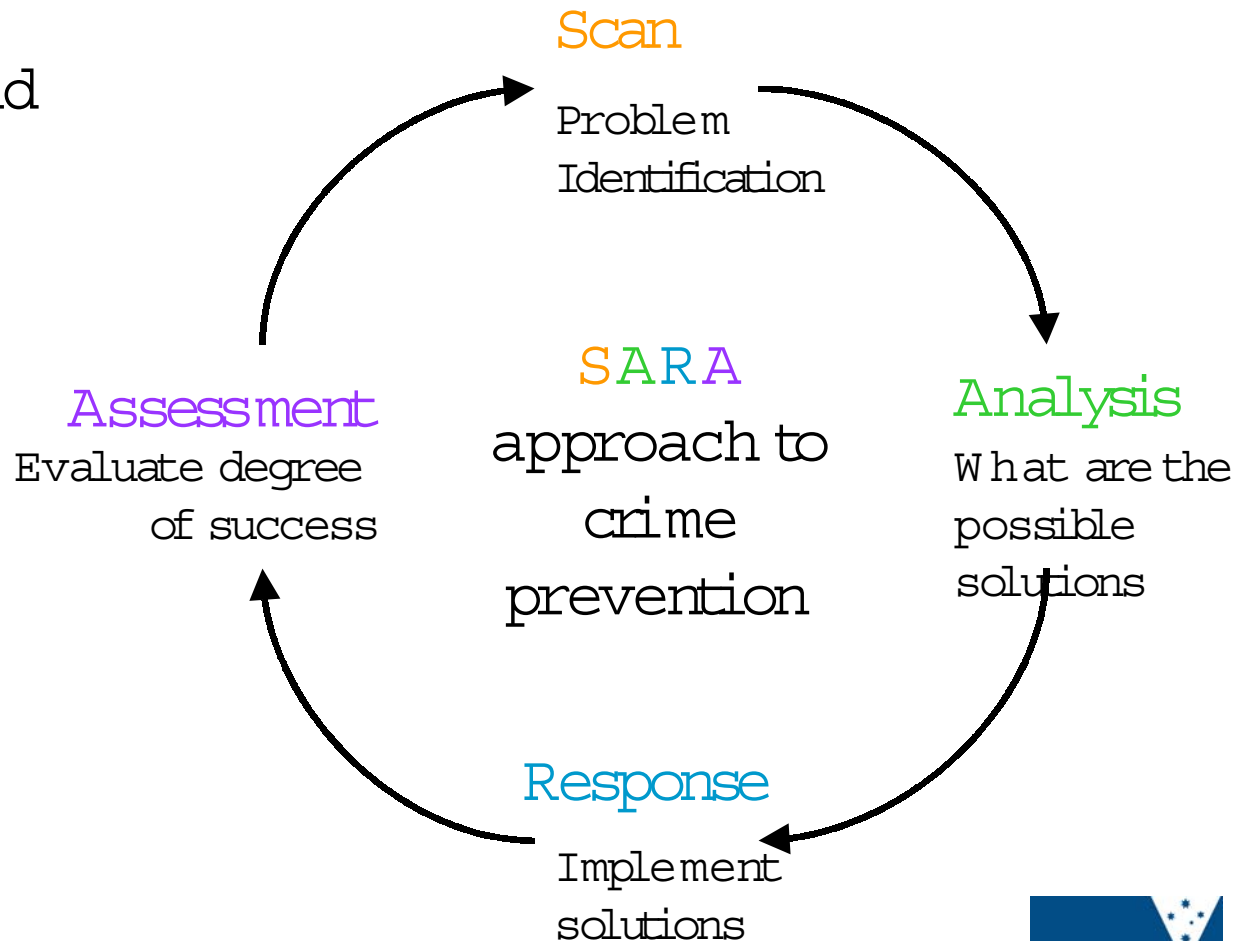


“The fuel light’s on, Frank! We’re all going to die! ...  
Wait, wait. ... Oh, my mistake—  
that’s the intercom light.”

# Developing Solutions



Crime Prevention  
Victoria supports and  
promotes the **SARA**  
approach to crime  
prevention



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Welcome to the Crime Prevention Victoria Knowledge Bank, an online source of key information on crime prevention initiatives operating in Victoria, lessons learned from program evaluations and advice on what's effective in preventing crime. The Knowledge Bank features:

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# Key Programs



## Reducing Offending & Violence - Young People

- Reconnecting Young People to Supportive Learning Environments – truancy reduction; early school leavers; vocational training for CBOs
- Pilot programs for Arrest Referral
- Independent Person Youth Diversion
- Weapons Community Education

# Key Programs



## Family Violence Prevention

- Place-based prevention projects

## Improving Safety in Streets & Neighbourhoods

- Safer Design Guidelines
- Graffiti Management Strategy
- Safety in Inner City Entertainment Precincts
- Linkages with other key Gov't programs  
(Transport, Housing, Community Building)

# Perceptions of Local Safety survey



Explore a broad range of issues including:

- Perceptions of **crime, safety and road safety**;
- The degree to which **crime** is seen as **a problem** in the local area;
- What are the **crimes of concern** in local areas; and
- Identification of perceived **unsafe locations** and the reasons **why** these are seen as **unsafe**;
- Next survey in field Feb/March 2004.

# Conclusion



"To avenge crime is important,  
but to prevent it is more so."

*Sir Arthur Conan Doyle*