



Marutau, rangimaire, me te tōkeke

Safety, peace and equality

Why it's a proposed priority

Feeling safe in our community, and prepared for an emergency, is part of what makes Kāpiti a great place to live. As our district grows and changes, we want our centres, beaches, parks, roads, and shared spaces to stay welcoming, well cared for, and easy to enjoy.

This priority is about working together – with Police, mana whenua, local groups, businesses, and communities – to prevent issues early, design safer public places, to strengthen emergency resilience, and support the safe, respectful use of shared spaces.

More frequent weather events also mean we need to be better prepared, with Council helping communities plan ahead, respond well, and recover after emergencies.

Community dynamics are shifting and growth brings new challenges – including antisocial behaviour and more demand on public spaces and services. Some local communities are already feeling the impact of limited Police presence.

Our role

Council has a role in partnering with other agencies to support community safety and has prescribed regulatory and compliance responsibilities. Under legislation Council also has a growing role in local emergency management, response, and recovery.



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Actions to shift the dial

- Continue working with Police and local partners on safety priorities for the district as our population grows
- Embed safer design principles in town centre planning and new growth areas
- Explore new safety policies, including targeted use of CCTV
- Keep land use planning, district planning, and other Council activity up to date as national reforms progress
- Increase our level of emergency preparedness and support for local communities in response to the increased frequency of events
- Introduce refreshed recovery plan, including procedures that support pre-event and post-event planning with mana whenua, regional partners, and communities
- Increase education activity about the safe and respectful use of public spaces, so we can reduce the need for compliance action and keep services affordable as we grow.

How we'll know

These are our proposed measures of success:

- Residents continue to feel safe living in Kāpiti as we grow
- Communities feel supported by Council's leadership during emergency events
- Council's compliance activity appropriately addresses safety issues, enabling pride in public spaces.

Learn more about how Council supports our community to stay safe:

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