



Safe Communities

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Our vision for safe communities in Maroondah:

In 2031, Maroondah will be an accountable community where all people feel and are safe.

We will work towards safe communities in Maroondah by prioritising:

- > **Community safety**
- > **Promoting gender equality and preventing violence**
- > **Elder abuse**
- > **Child protection**
- > **Crime reduction**
- > **Road safety**
- > **Emergency management**
- > **Digital safety**

The research tells us

Safety is a fundamental component of wellbeing, liveability and resilience. The degree to which someone feels safe within a home, workplace or community has a significant impact on how and where they live, work and play. Feeling safe and secure within a home, neighbourhood, workplace, digital settings and community can affect one's sense of freedom, levels of stress and overall mental health, physical health, trust, social habits and lifestyle behaviours, social connections, work and study productivity, and participation in leisure, community and physical activities.



Our community said...

Our community view safety as the foundation of liveability and our community recommend improving infrastructure that impacts community perceptions of safety. There is a desire for Council to partner with organisations to promote community safety, positive cultures in community sport, digital safety awareness and behaviours, provide family violence education and support those at risk of family violence.

Our community would also like to see co-design of places, spaces and buildings; address high levels of alcohol consumption; and provide create approaches to deter undesirable behaviour.

There is a desire for Council to continue supporting residents during emergencies and note that responsiveness is crucial in supporting residents during emergencies.

Maroondah has the equal second highest rate of family violence incidents in the eastern metropolitan region