

Safer Together



Toowoomba

Community Safety Champions Program



Safer Together is a Queensland Police Service community safety initiative that aims to actively improve feelings of safety across Queensland communities.

In direct response to community needs and priorities, the initiative delivers valuable crime prevention resources and activities through:

- Education and awareness raising activities.
- Police-community engagement opportunities.
- High visibility policing.
- Enhanced stakeholder partnerships.

The program builds the capacity of community organisations and their members to become Community Safety Champions, empowering them with skills, tools, and knowledge to build community resilience and enhance public perceptions of safety. The program aims to:

- **Mobilise** active and trusted community organisations and their members to become Community Safety Champions.
- **Educate and support** the wider public through Community Safety Champions.
- **Build supportive partnerships** with other organisations and agencies.



By working together, we can help make our community safer and more resilient.





What is a Community Safety Champion?

Community Safety Champions are people who are motivated to improve their local community. They help raise awareness and actively encourage local residents to take positive actions that support crime prevention behaviours to enhance community safety.

To be a Community Safety Champion you must be:

- Aged 18 years and over.
- A Toowoomba resident.
- Actively involved in community through your profession, volunteering, or social groups.



What is their role?

A Community Safety Champion will be expected to:

- Engage with online learning resources to enhance crime prevention and community safety knowledge and skills.
- Apply any newly acquired knowledge and skills through local relationships and networks.
- Navigate people to services and support to help improve community resilience and wellbeing.



What will they receive?

- Online learning resources provided by the QPS and external partners to enhance crime prevention and effective communication knowledge and skills.
- Opportunities to attend face to face presentations delivered by QPS.
- Networking opportunities to connect with local police officers and other Community Safety Champions, including an invitation to join a WhatsApp group.



What are the benefits?

- Learn new information and skills and build your confidence to help enhance community safety.
- Grow your connections through networking opportunities, such as getting to know local police officers, and connecting with other organisations, and Community Safety Champions.
- Feel empowered as a local change maker as you help support your local community to feel safer.
- Build the skills of your organisation, group or club as you learn new ways to support residents and develop effective communication skills.



How will we know if it works?

- Community Safety Champions will be provided with an activity sheet to record relevant engagements with community.
- Knowledge, attitudinal, and behavioural questions will be incorporated into the registration survey and post program survey to allow for a comparison.
- Feedback will be gained from Community Safety Champions following completion of the program to support future refinements.

