

# SAFER CITY POLICY 2019-2023

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## PURPOSE

The Safer City Policy is Council's framework for creating a safer city. The policy is executed through the [Safer City Action Plan 2019-23](#) and the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

## STATEMENT

The Policy supports Council's **Liveable** Strategic Plan objective to ensure residents have wellbeing above the global average and its associated action to '*Work with the community and other stakeholders through a range of initiatives to activate key areas to enable people to use the City safely and seek to reduce crime.*'

## STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Jurisdiction	Name	Key Elements relating to Safer City Policy
National	Australia's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism August 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tools and Guidelines to protect people working in, using and visiting crowded places by making these places more resilient to terrorism.</li> </ul>
State	South Australia's Strategic Plan 2011 (to be updated in 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban spaces (T 1)</li> <li>State-wide crime rates (T 17)</li> <li>Violence against women (T 18)</li> <li>Bushfire preparedness (T 20)</li> <li>Healthy South Australians (T 78)</li> <li>Smoking (T 80)</li> <li>Alcohol consumption (T 81)</li> </ul>
State	The Thirty-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide, 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy, safe and connected communities</li> <li>Maintaining and improving liveability</li> <li>Ensuring safe and walkable communities that incorporate Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles</li> </ul>
City of Adelaide	City of Adelaide Strategic Plan 2016-20	<p>Outcome: Liveable</p> <p><i>Work with the community and other stakeholders through a range of initiatives to activate key areas to enable people to use the City safely and seek to reduce crime.</i></p>

## THE SAFER CITY POLICY

The Safer City Policy provides principles and outcome statements which underpin Council's contribution to creating a Safer City. It describes the role of Council, the community and key stakeholders both individually and collectively to improve perceptions of and actual safety.

### What is community safety?

Community safety is the ability to pursue domestic, social and economic life without fear or hindrance of crime or disorder. Building and maintaining community safety requires a whole of community approach with residents, visitors, businesses and all levels of government working together to support a safe and inclusive environment for all.

### Working together

Community safety is a complex issue and no one agency is able to tackle this issue alone. Governments, communities and businesses at all levels need to be collaborative and actively engaged to create safe communities. Council collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders to implement strategies for improving safety in our City and community. The State Government has a strong role to play in relation to safety through its responsibility for law and order, public housing, health and public transport. SA Police have a leading role in crime prevention, detection and perceptions of safety within the community. Council works to improve safety through acting as a leader, advocate, facilitator, capacity builder, partner and promoter. Council utilises both situational and social crime prevention approaches to address community safety issues in the City and North Adelaide. Council develops and implements a range of targeted community safety initiatives and supports with other stakeholders including SA Police and other agencies to achieve safer outcomes for the community. Community members are increasingly taking a more active role in community safety, including through identifying and leading community projects that increase perceptions of safety.

### Policy Principles; the way we will work:

- **Inclusive;** all people feel comfortable and welcome in public space.
- **Respectful;** all community members have the right to feel safe and respected for who they are.
- **Shared responsibility;** working with the community encouraging residents, business, Government and key organisations to take action to support safety and wellbeing for their customers and the community.
- **Harm-minimisation;** this acknowledges that some people in societies will use alcohol to excess or other drugs and therefore incorporates practices which aim to prevent or reduce related harms. This approach supports vibrancy and activity while reducing risks to the public. It acknowledges that all members of the community have the right to walk safely and easily within the City, feeling welcome, safe and free from harassment.

## OUTCOME STATEMENTS

Three outcome statements have been developed and tested with the community to guide our approach to Community Safety in the City. They set the intention for Community Safety planning and service delivery.



**OUTCOME:**  
***Safe spaces, places and streets***

**LEAD ACTIONS:**

- Design and plan spaces, places and streets which are well lit, safe and attractive to reduce opportunities for crime
- Provide the leadership, advocacy and data to ensure best practice approaches to public safety in city streets and spaces
- Work in collaboration with State Government to deliver world class infrastructure to increase actual public safety



**OUTCOME:**  
***Strong and welcoming community***

**LEAD ACTIONS:**

- Build opportunities for residents to celebrate diversity and be well connected
- Residents, businesses, Government and non-government agencies actively support the safety and wellbeing of their community



**OUTCOME:**  
***A world renowned safe destination***

**LEAD ACTIONS:**

- Ensure visitors to our City feel safe and welcome to experience what the City has to offer
- International students live, study, work and play safely in Adelaide
- Promote a creative and vibrant night life to reduce intoxication related anti-social behaviour

## OTHER USEFUL DOCUMENTS

### Related documents

- Safer City Action Plan 2019-23
- The City of Adelaide Cultural Strategy 2017-2023
- Live Music Action Plan
- Wellbeing Road Map

### Relevant legislation

- City of Adelaide Act 1998
- Adelaide (City) Development Plan 2018
- Local Government Act 1999
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016
- Liquor Licensing (Liquor Review) Amendment Act 2017, The General Code of Practice & Late-Night Code of Practice

**GLOSSARY**

Throughout this document, the below terms have been used and are defined as:

**Strategic Community Safety Reference Group** – an internal reference group comprising representation from all Council Programs that have community safety touch points (check names - Design, Public Realm, Planning, Community & Culture, Customer, Assets, Capital Works, Information Management, Finance).

**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** - principles for designing safe and welcoming spaces in the City of Adelaide are based on internationally recognised CPTED principles and should be considered at the earliest stages of planning and design.

**Harm Minimisation** - Harm minimisation aims to address alcohol and other drug issues by reducing the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs (AOD) on individuals and society. Harm minimisation considers the health, social and economic consequences of AOD use on both the individual and the community as a whole.

**ADMINISTRATIVE** As part of Council's commitment to deliver the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan, services to the community and the provision of transparent information, all policy documents are reviewed as per legislative requirements or when there is no such provision a risk assessment approach is taken to guide the review timeframe.

This Policy document will be reviewed every four years unless legislative or operational change occurs beforehand. The next review is required in 2023.

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