

Summer safety house - Lower Hutt

[Music playing while people set up a backyard barbeque and display stands]

Renee Martin - Stakeholder Engagement Manager: Housing New Zealand is one of largest landlords here in New Zealand and we pride ourselves for going above and beyond what normal landlords do. Today is a prime example of how we are doing that providing summer safety messaging not only to our tenants but to the wider community.

Housing New Zealand has just issued their latest tenant newsletter called Close 2 Home and the theme of that newsletter is around 'Summer safety tips for around the home' so we've partnered with some key agencies and we're offering a free community event here today, we have a free BBQ and we've got some fun activities for the kids and adults.

So we've partnered with five key agencies, we have the New Zealand Fire Service their key messaging is around smoke alarms and cooking on the BBQ and in the kitchen and how to keep safe while doing that.

We've also partnered with New Zealand Police and their theme is around making sure your home is secure over the summer holidays if you're going away.

We have Water Safety New Zealand they're promoting around keeping you and your family safe around water this summer.

We also have Driveway Safety Programme run by Safekids Aotearoa their campaign is all around 'Look for me before you turn the key'.

And we also have Sun Smart through Health Promotion Agency around 'slip, slop, slap and wrap'.

Todd O'Donoghue - National Advisor Fire Risk Management New Zealand Fire Service: The fire service are here today to partner with Housing New Zealand and the other agencies to help the community learn about the risks of fire and how to manage those risks within their homes.

One of our demonstrations here today is about unattended cooking in a kitchen. We're showing people how a fire can so easily start if cooking is left unattended on a stove top and we're just showing what can go wrong and how big that fire can get. Most people just don't realise what can happen and are quite shocked to see the results of a fire like that.

[Fire man standing in front of the fire demonstration says "thank you very much we'll do another show in an hour"]

Todd O'Donoghue - National Advisor Fire Risk Management New Zealand Fire Service: The Fire Service are happy to partner with Housing New Zealand they're a responsible landlord who install smoke alarms throughout all sleeping areas in their homes and what we're here to do is help them work with their tenants and the wider community to realise how they need to be fire safe in homes as well and insure they are living in a way to stop fires starting in the first place.

Renee Martin - Stakeholder Engagement Manager: Supporting our tenants to keep safe is a priority for Housing New Zealand the messages that we are delivering here today and as part of our close 2 home newsletter doesn't just relate to our tenants but it also relates to wider communities so we want to make sure we're sharing this information with anybody and everybody.

So we've partnered with the Naenae Festival we have a stall down there promoting the Summer Safety messaging and also promoting people to come down and be part of this fun event today. And we also have Hutt City Council who are supporting this event locally this is the council area so its important that they are here to support this as well. And we have Common Unity which is a local community group which is around sustainable living through vegetable gardens. So we are quite lucky having these partners with us here today.

Lady at the festival: Must say we're having a really fantastic day here, loads of people coming through having fun.

Lady at the festival: Everyone's having a really good time, and the sun's out we've had heaps of kids interested in the colouring competition it's been really good.

Todd O'Donoghue - National Advisor Fire Risk Management New Zealand Fire Service: Days like today are really important because it gives us a chance to get out and talk with the community and educate them about fire safety but ultimately we need the community to be fire wise and stop fires starting

Fireman at the festival: Been good so far had lots of people coming to watch us lots of people in and out the safety house it's been pretty good.

Man at the festival: Oh look it's fantastic we've had loads of people today turn up here and come and look at us in the safety house and the weather's turned it on for us so it's pretty good.

Renee Martin - Stakeholder Engagement Manager: People are having a great time and hey it's just a perfect example around how summer safety can be fun.

[Screen is displayed with all the partners logos involved - Hutt City, Cancer Society, Safekids Aotearoa, New Zealand Police, Water Safety New Zealand, New Zealand Fire Services, Health promotion agency.]

[Screen swaps to Housing New Zealand logo]