

# NORWEGIAN SAFETY FORUM



**Joint action for safety promotion and injury prevention, and a pathway for safer communities**

The Norwegian Safety Forum is a hub for knowledge, information and contacts – an advocate for safety promotion and injury prevention. It`s also the National Center for Safe Communities in Norway.

The Forum is a recognized partner in safety, acting both as a think-tank and an activist. It`s a well-established meeting place, a provider of public information and an initiator of awareness campaigns.

## NORWEGIAN PATHWAY TO SAFER COMMUNITIES



**Based on the International model for Safe Communities the Norwegian Safety Forum has developed a National program built on Norwegian legislation and regulations.**

- Plans for safety integrated in the political vision
- Plans and activities anchored locally
- Systematic safety work involving different sectors
- Knowledge based activities
- NGOs invited to participate
- A life span perspective

An eight step program is developed to guide municipalities towards recognition as a "Safe Community". Following these steps, they will also fulfill requirements laid upon Norwegian municipalities in the Law of Public Health and other laws and regulations. This makes the National Norwegian model a useful tool for municipalities.

## SUPPORTIVE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SAFETY

Safety aspects have a given place in Norwegian society. National guidelines favor prevention and collective action. The need for coordinated activities on different levels of society and participation and collaboration with voluntary sector is underlined. Examples of significant laws and regulations.

- **The Law of Public Health**
- **The Planning and Building Act**
- **The Civil Protection Act**
- **National plans for Occupational Safety, Traffic Safety, Fire Safety, Crime prevention etc.**

Norwegian Safety Forum works in close cooperation with authorities in various sectors, with businesses and NGOs to develop tools to support the municipalities in their safety efforts.



## FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES

## NATIONAL NETWORK FOR SAFETY

**Norwegian Safety Forum (NSF) has a lifespan perspective and supports WHO's "Health For All"-vision.**

Most accidents are predictable and preventable. In cooperation with our members and collaborating partners we identify age groups, situations and areas that need special attention. The Safety Forum has five lines of action. A group of expertise and a professional network is connected to each.

- Saving lives of children
- Promoting safety for elderly
- Prevention of drowning
- Work for better data
- Safe Communities

To meet these challenges different disciplines have to interact and measures have to be implemented on different levels. NSF promotes cross sector approach by establishing meeting places, think tanks and seminars.

**The Norwegian Safe Community Network is a meeting place for designated communities and those interested in learning more about the program.**

The Network meets on regular bases and seminars are arranged annually. Experts lecture on various topics, practitioners discuss local experiences and best practices are developed.

More than 20 municipalities are designated as Safe Communities. These municipalities represent different parts of the country, urban areas, rural areas, coastlines, mountains and fjords etc. They function as pioneers and pilots developing activities that others can learn from.

Other municipalities take part in the network, activities, and campaigns without being designated. In all about 30 % of the Norwegian population live in regions and municipalities cooperating with the Norwegian Safety Forum.



**NORWEGIAN SAFETY FORUM is a national advocate for safety awareness. A non-profit membership based organization connecting key stakeholders from public sector, private businesses and non-governmental organizations.**

With cooperation partners from different parts of society, different sectors and disciplines the Norwegian Safety Forum has unique position when it comes to gathering information, forming policies and recommending best practice. The work is supported by the Ministry of Health and the major insurance companies, represented by Finance Norway.

On **National level** the forum takes part in lobbying and forming national policies. On **local level** projects are carried out, experiences shared and best practice formed. On **International level** the Safety Forum takes part in European Projects, professional networks and frequently contributes on International conferences.

Among the members and co-operation partners you`ll find: Directorate of Health, Directorate for Civil Protection, Public Roads Administration, counties, municipalities, universities, research institutions, NGOs, nurseries, schools and nursing homes.

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