

## Foreword by the Chief Executive

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Making New Zealand roads safer for everyone

Land Transport New Zealand is committed to helping reduce injury and death on our roads. The government's goal is to reduce road casualties to no more than 300 deaths and 4,500 hospitalisations a year by 2010.

These Guidelines for developing and implementing a road controlling authority's safety management system are fundamental to achieving that goal.

This is the first time that the development and implementation guidelines have been published together, with appendices in a separate folder. The format aims to make the guidelines easy to use. The guidelines are a useful reference tool for all those practitioners, from traffic engineers to road builders who are involved with safety management systems.

Land Transport New Zealand and central government are committed to working in partnership with all local councils in the development, implementation and operation of safety management systems on our roads. We are indebted to the road controlling authorities for their comments, suggestions and improvements to these guidelines and for the examples provided in the appendices.

The work doesn't stop with these guidelines. Land Transport New Zealand will continue to support and work with all who are committed to making our roads safer.

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