

Tips for Safety & Event Organisation

We recommend that everyone follow current public health advice and only take part in neighbourly activities that are safe.

Stay informed by visiting [health.gov.au](https://www.health.gov.au) to keep your neighbourhood healthy.

Stay Safe

As the home of [Neighbours Every Day](#), [Relationships Australia](#) cannot provide risk or safety management advice. However, we've gathered some helpful tips to keep in mind when planning your neighbourly actions or event.

These are intended as general guidance only and are **not a substitute** for your own risk and safety planning. Any risks are the responsibility of the host, participants, organisations, and communities involved.

When planning your event, always consider:

- The wellbeing of all participants
- The safety of children and other vulnerable people

Practical tips:

- Follow current public health advice
- Keep it invitation-only if appropriate
- Check with local councils or authorities if road closures are needed
- Ensure responsible service of alcohol (if served)
- Observe fire bans
- Take care near lakes, rivers, and other bodies of water

Encourage guests to keep an eye out for one another—safety is everyone's responsibility.

A thoughtful host also makes sure guests get home safely. Keep taxi or rideshare numbers handy for anyone who may need them.

Contact Your Local Council or Shire

Many councils actively support community initiatives and are signing on as *Very Neighbourly Organisations* to show their commitment to the *Neighbours Every Day* ethos.

Some councils or shires may offer:

- Free loans of barbecues, coffee machines, cricket sets, etc.
- Small grants or vouchers to support events

If you're planning a street party or using a local park, check whether you need permission or a permit.

National Parks and Other Public Lands

Outdoor gatherings are a great way to connect with neighbours but always check with land managers before organising an event in a national park, recreation area, or other public land.

- Sites may already be booked for other events
- Large groups may require a permit
- Contact details are easy to find online by searching your local park service or public land manager

Being neighbourly also means not taking over an area without notice and also sharing the space respectfully.

Share Your Story

If you're on social media, share how you're growing belonging at your event!

- Tag *Neighbours Every Day* in your posts (see footer for social accounts)
- [Explore NED's Every Day Resources](#) for social media tiles, tips, and more