

**TOGETHER,  
WE'LL  
REBUILD  
SAFELY**

**CANTERBURY REBUILD  
SAFETY CHARTER**

# FACT SHEET

## OUR VISION

**By demonstrating leadership and working together, we will rebuild Canterbury safely and create a legacy we can be proud of.**

### **What is the Canterbury Rebuild Safety Charter?**

The Charter was developed in the early days of the Canterbury Rebuild as a way of making sure everyone who works in construction in Canterbury comes home safe and healthy every night. It's an agreement on health and safety between more than 300 organisations – from small companies to large construction firms and from government organisations to NGOs. Signing the Charter means your organisation will meet or work towards the Charter's ten commitments and detailed actions.

### **What does the Charter seek to achieve?**

The Charter helps us to raise our standards of health and safety across Canterbury construction. In doing so, it helps prevent people from being killed, seriously injured or suffering life-changing work-related illnesses.

The Charter sets the standards for a consistent and collective approach to health and safety on Canterbury worksites. Everyone will know what's expected of them, and what they have to do to keep themselves and others safe.

By reducing the rate of injury and illness the Charter also supports an efficient and successful rebuild.

### **What do leaders commit to when they sign the Charter?**

By signing up, leaders agree that they and their organisations will implement the Charter's actions. They also give their backing to the Charter's vision and aspirational commitments.

Leaders make a public commitment when they sign the Charter. They're expected to hold themselves, and the people who work for them, to account for implementing the Charter.

Within a month of signing, organisations are also required to complete an assessment tool – this is a

checklist to help your organisation assess how you're performing against the Charter. This tool will generate an organisation performance improvement plan to help you improve your Charter performance.

### **Why is the Charter needed?**

Anyone involved in construction in Canterbury can sign the Charter – whether they are a small building or trades company, or an organisation supplying building materials or products.

There are currently more than 325 signatories – and that's growing every week.

The more organisations we can get involved, the more successful the Charter will be in raising the standards of health and safety across the rebuild.

### **What do organisations get when they sign up?**

As well as improving the health, safety and wellbeing of your workforce, your colleagues and the industry as a whole – there are many benefits to signing or endorsing the Charter. Check these out at [safetycharter.org.nz/the-charter/about-the-charter/](http://safetycharter.org.nz/the-charter/about-the-charter/)

### **How much does it cost to be involved in the Charter?**

WorkSafe and ACC continue to fund some of the larger projects carried out by the Charter. To continue to fund the remainder of the Charter activity, annual contributions are required from signatories. This contribution is based on the size of the business. See the tiered rates online at [safetycharter.org.nz/the-charter/about-the-charter/](http://safetycharter.org.nz/the-charter/about-the-charter/)

### **How can other people sign up to the Charter?**

Leaders wanting to sign or endorse the Charter can sign up online at [safetycharter.org.nz/sign-up/](http://safetycharter.org.nz/sign-up/)

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