



Atherstone

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Welcome to your
new community.

**A special place that's
just right for you.**

We create safe streets, spaces and places for residents, visitors and workers to enjoy.

We believe in taking a preventative and proactive approach when it comes to safety – and you can too. From construction to completion, there are steps you can take to stay safe in your community.

This brochure has some key tips and hints to guide you in creating a home that is incident and injury free.

A large, white, 3D block-letter sign spelling "Atherstone" is mounted on a low stone wall. The sign is set against a clear blue sky with some green trees and bushes in the background. The foreground shows a grassy area with some low-lying plants.

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During construction...

As we build your new community there are some things you need to be aware of, so you and your family can stay safe. Signage will be placed around construction zones, so you can avoid accidentally entering these areas. Your loved ones, especially children, should also be made aware of these areas, so they don't mistake them for a place for them to play. Your patience and diligence is appreciated during this time.

- We always enclose **construction zones** to prevent accidental access, using secure and highly visible fencing.
- All **heavy equipment** used on site is kept in good working order and our drivers are well trained. Signs will warn you when equipment is in use and barricades will keep you from accidentally driving into work areas. Stay well away from all machinery entering and exiting the site.
- Soil, gravel, construction rubbish and other materials are often **stockpiled** in construction zones. Mounds are usually loose, unstable soil and can contain sharp objects.
- While most of the work is conducted behind a site fence, occasionally contractors employed by Lendlease will do work outside of this fencing, and will employ **traffic management**. Please be considerate to contractors working on the roads as the signs, bollards and your diligence are the only things keeping them safe.
- Periods of construction and building activity on site will result in some level of **dust and noise**. Methods and time constraints are in place to reduce this part of construction, but if it should become an issue for you at any time, please contact the home builder directly or the Melton City Council.
- The **extensive wetlands and Toolern Creek** are a key feature of living at Atherstone. Swimming or diving is not permitted in the waterways. Please take care while walking near to bushland as snakes are found in these areas and become more active during the summer months.
- **Undeveloped parts of Atherstone** is private property and may be subject to preliminary surveying, engineering and maintenance works. These areas are not open to the public.
- Many of **your future neighbours** are building their homes while you move in to yours. Please do not enter any house under construction. If you see unsafe conditions call the builder whose name is displayed at the front of the building site.

Building your dream home...

Below are some tips to building the safest dream home for you and your family.

Outside your home

- Make sure your **street number is clear** and visible so emergency vehicles can find you easily if there is a problem or an accident.

Please consider that there may be a short amount of time where your street name is not known to emergency services (between the roads being gazetted and the emergency services updating their information). You may need to be able to provide directions to your new house.

- Design your driveway and front path to **allow easy access to your front door**. Paths should be even, firm and non-slip with wide gates (e.g. 1200mm).
- **Ensure all access areas are well lit** so you can use them safely at night and to improve your home's security.
- **If your home has a pool, you will require Council approval** to be sure it complies with all safety regulations.
- Put a **lock on your shed and garage** to secure your tools, machinery, and valuables.
- **Keep play areas separate and away from the driveway.**
- Consider how **landscaping can affect the use of your home and garden**; items such as shading, plants (thorns or not), flowers, or fruit attracting bees or wasps etc.
- If possible, **know the location of buried services** – ask the builder to identify these on your plans or observe where these are installed during the build.

Inside your home

- **Use slip-resistant flooring** throughout your home.
- **Think carefully about where to place light switches** to accommodate everyone living in your home. A two-way control switch at the top and bottom of your stairs, for example, can prevent night-time accidents.
- **Place light globes in sensible locations** to make changing them easy. For example, over stairs, use wall-mounted fittings instead of ceiling lights.
- **Install plenty of power points** to avoid using double adapters and long extension leads which may be a trip hazard.
- **Make hallways wide with easy access.**
- In a two-storey home, **install a full-length handrail along both sides of the stairs.**
- **Mark glass doors using stickers or safety strips** so people know if they are open or closed. Place the marks at 700mm so toddlers and small children can see them.
- Ask your builder to **install a fire extinguisher and fire blanket** in your kitchen.
- Ask your builder to use low **VOC paint and carpeting in your home.**
- **Buy a first aid kit** for your home.
- **By law, you must install smoke detectors** in your home. Long life batteries can be used and can last for 10 years before they need to be changed.
- **Consider installing locks and child-resistant fittings** to ensure any poisonous products are out of reach and hazards are avoided. For more safety tips refer to Kid Safe kidsafe.com.au





For General Enquiries

Customer Service Centre 1800 981 644
 Melton City Council (03) 9747 7200



Emergency Contacts

Police 000
 Local Police (Melton Police) 9747 7999
 Fire 000
 Ambulance 000
 Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
 crimestoppers.com.au
 Hoon Hotline 1800 333 000
 (If you witness any inappropriate or anti-social (hoon) driver behaviour, you should report it to the Victoria Police by phoning the Hoon Hotline)
 Wildlife Victoria 1300 945 35
 Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800
 Lifeline 13 11 14
 State Emergency Services (SES) 132 500



Vic Emergency App & Website

emergency.vic.gov.au

Provides issued warnings and information for all hazards. VICSES warnings and information regarding flood, storm, earthquake and tsunami warnings are issued via VicEmergency.



Red Cross Mobile App

Provides information to users of what to do in a range of first aid emergency situations.