



SAFER WALKING PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

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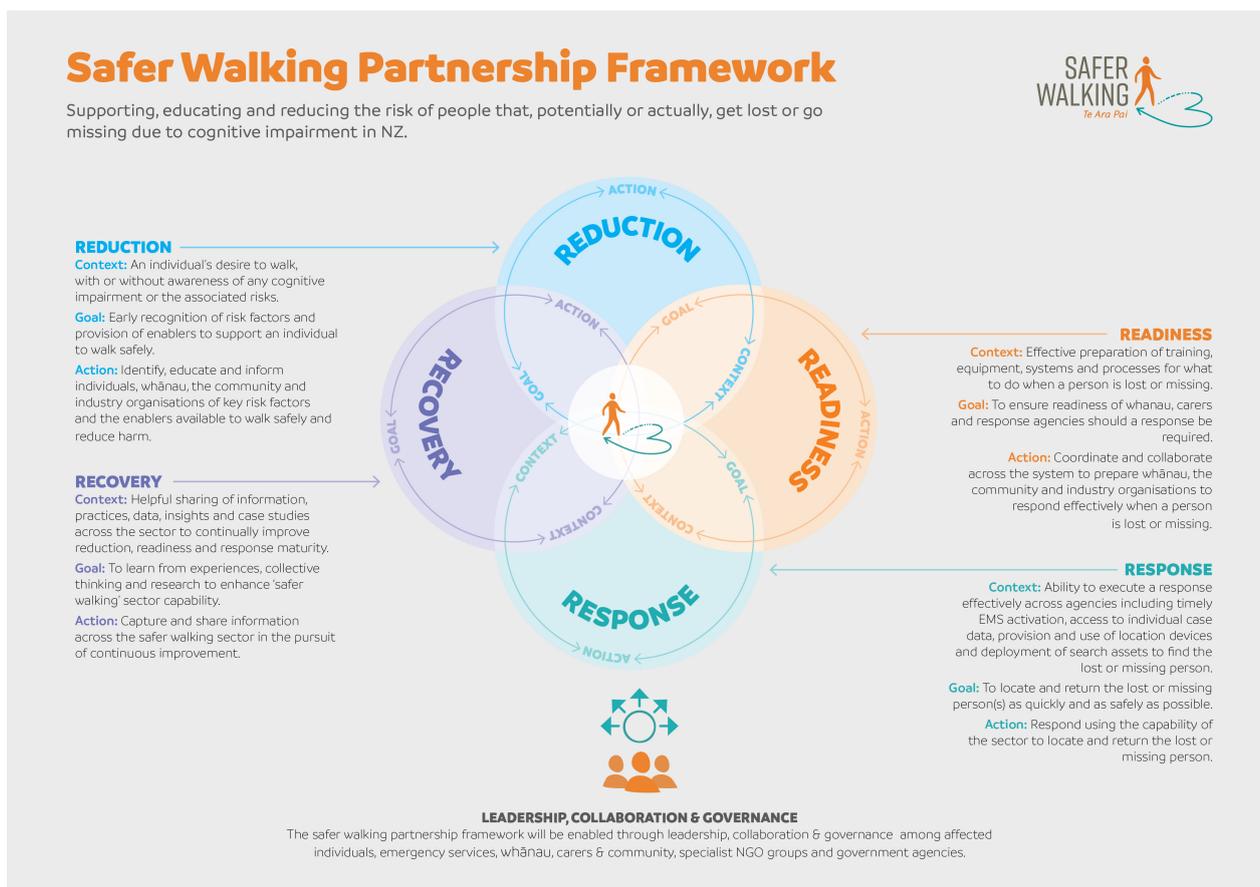
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Purpose Statement:

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Safer Walking Partnership Framework - Explained

1. 'At-risk' person centric

- The framework acknowledges the person at the centre, who has a known or unknown cognitive impairment, has the same freedoms and rights as any other person in society.
- The Safer Walking Partnership Framework seeks to coordinate activities across stakeholder agencies to continually improve coordination, cooperation and collaboration so that the risks to the person at the centre are identified, assessed and mitigated as best they can (reasonably practicable).
- All intervention considerations among stakeholders will prioritise the benefits and risks to the person at risk as their central priority e.g. "how will this variable influence positive outcomes for the person...?"

2. Reduction

- **Context:** An individual's desire to walk, with or without awareness of any cognitive impairment or the associated risks.
- **Goal:** Early recognition of risk factors and provision of enablers to support an individual to walk safely.
- **Action:** Identify, educate and inform individuals, whānau, the community and industry organisations of key risk factors and the enablers available to walk safely and reduce harm.

3. Readiness

- **Context:** Effective preparation of training, equipment, systems and processes for what to do when a person is lost or missing.
- **Goal:** To ensure readiness of whānau, carers and response agencies should a response be required.
- **Action:** Coordinate and collaborate across the system to prepare whānau, the community and industry organisations to respond effectively when a person is lost or missing.

4. Response

- **Context:** Ability to execute a response effectively across agencies including timely EMS (Emergency Management Services) activation, access to individual case data, provision and use of location devices and deployment of search assets to find the lost or missing person.
- **Goal:** To locate and return the lost or missing person(s) as quickly and as safely as possible.
- **Action:** Respond using the capability of the sector to locate and return the lost or missing person.

5. Recovery

- **Context:** Helpful sharing of information, practices, data, insights and case studies across the sector to continually improve reduction, readiness and response maturity.
- **Goal:** To learn from experiences, collective thinking and research to enhance safer walking sector capability.
- **Action:** Capture and share information across the safer walking sector in the pursuit of continuous improvement.

6. Enabler: leadership, collaboration and governance

A key component that enables the partnership framework and provides ongoing direction is the need for the safer walking sector to provide collective leadership through the application of effective governance and the exercising of collaboration.

The governance group's remit should include oversight of the effective achievement of the partnership frameworks key goals, review of progress against each goal, and, where warranted, evolution of the key goals.

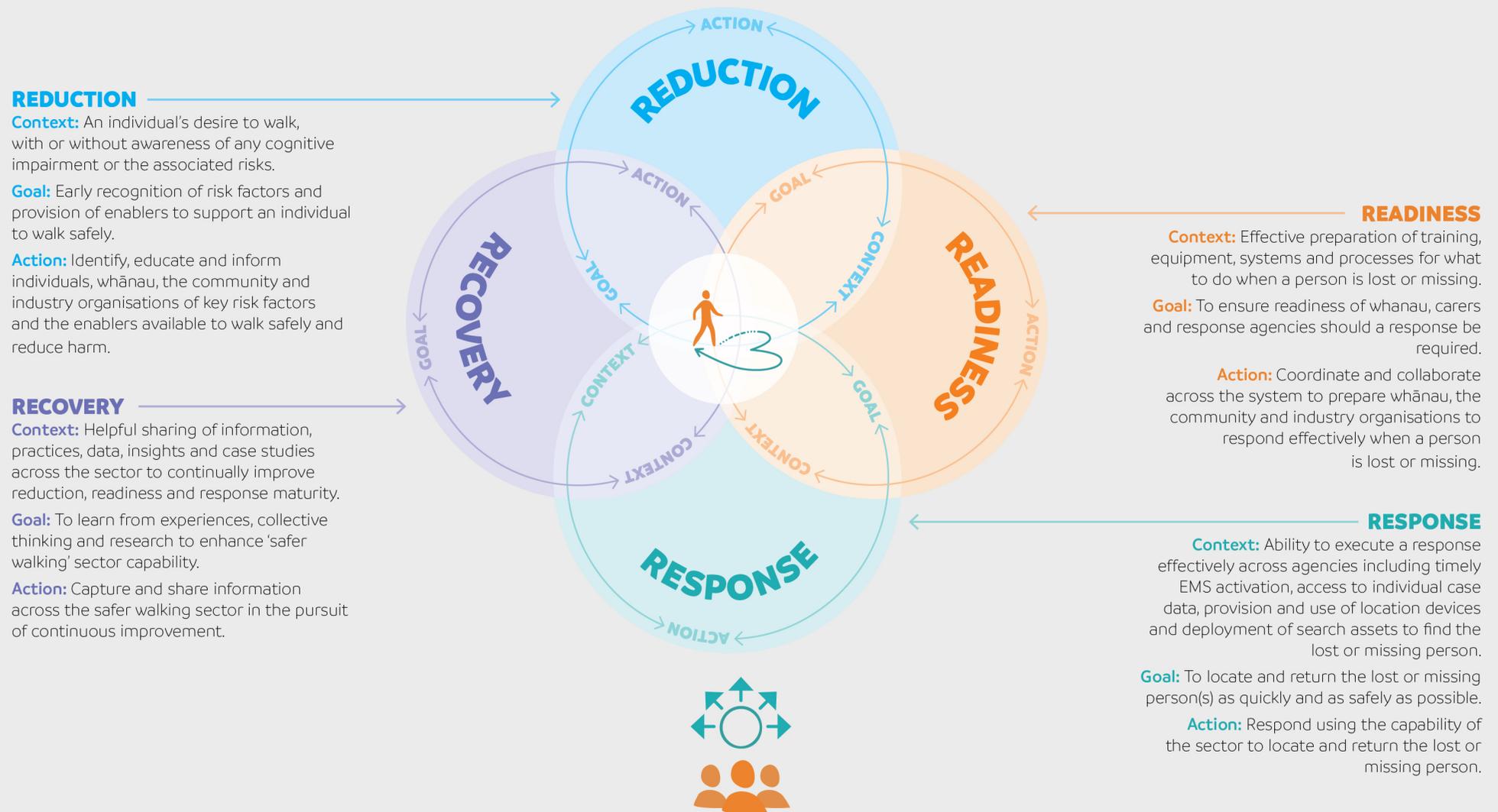
To support the partners contributing to safer walking to continually improve focus and deliver outcomes for people at risk, there is a need to maintain an ongoing understanding of key data, information and insights. This may include where possible, quantification of individuals at risk and their associated demographic information, quantification of the number of SAROP's generated, data regarding the effectiveness of actions and availability of lessons learned from specific case studies that can inform improvements to the safer walking system.

7. Stakeholders for an effective partnership framework:

Affected individuals, emergency services, family and whānau, carers and community, specialist NGO groups, government agencies.

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