

# Neighbourhood Support Palmerston North



PALMERSTON NORTH  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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If you would like to join one of our suburb e-mail trees or a Neighbourhood Support group give us a call on 355 4468 or visit our website at [www.pncitysupport.com](http://www.pncitysupport.com) and use the link.



### ATM SKIMMING

Recent ATM scams in the Manawatu region have highlighted the need for increased vigilance. Scammers can quickly read a card's information and use it to process your account fraudulently. Skimmers may be inserted on ATMs (see picture) – a fake rail above the machine with a device inside and a fake insert where the card goes in. Skimmers can also be handheld devices so be aware when a merchant charges your card that way. To avoid hassles

- Use secure ATMs under video surveillance or in a bank lobby
- Cover the ATM as you enter your PIN in case there is a hidden camera
- If anything looks suspicious, find another ATM
- If the machine keeps your card, call your bank immediately
- Don't accept 'help' from anyone hanging around the machine
- Don't let anyone walk off with your card – even for a few seconds

**NEW WEBSITE COMING VERY SOON.** Our new website is almost ready to go live, so look for it on [pncitysupport.com](http://pncitysupport.com). The web address will remain the same but the content will be more informative and interactive. We understand it may need some tweaking, so let us know via the new 'Contacts' page if you think we have missed anything off or if you have any suggestions.

### THEFT FROM CARS

This continues to be a problem across the city. It is not enough to hide items, as thieves will still break in to look for things. It is worse at night, with offenders driving around the city looking for opportunities. Worst affected areas are around the hospital and both Harvey Norman car parks. Please call 111 immediately if you see any suspicious behaviour. Remember that thieves act quickly, even if you only leave your car for a few minutes.



### 2016 CALENDARS

A huge *Thank You* to everyone who has helped us deliver our calendars. We are very grateful. There are still some areas to get them too, so if you have some spare time let us know. If you haven't received your copy yet, or want more, call or email us.

### SPOTLIGHT ON ... YOU!

It's been pointed out to us that this newsletter is often 'Palmy-centric'. This is more by accident than design and we would like this to change. Each month we aim to focus on a different suburb or area, so you are welcome to contribute stories or pictures of anything that is happening where you live.

Last week there was a successful Aokautere residents meeting and we will post feedback on our website. Next month we plan to update you on what is happening in Pohangina.

Listen to Neighbourhood Support every Thursday at 10:00am on Access Manawatu

999AM or via live stream at [www.accessmanawatu.co.nz](http://www.accessmanawatu.co.nz)

You can also listen to previous episodes.

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PERSONS AND VEHICLES TO 111**