

# Water Safety Plans (WSP)

**The Health (Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2007 requires that all community drinking water supplies with population of greater than 500 develop a Water Safety Plan (WSP) for their drinking water supply – previously called a Public Health Risk Management Plan.**

A Water Safety Plan is a written document that aims to assess and manage risks to the safety of drinking water associated with that drinking water supply. Risks are identified from the water supply catchment right through when the water is supplied to the public.

The Water Safety Plan should aim to identify improvements that are necessary to protect public health.

The Water Safety Plan must be approved by a Drinking Water Assessor.

To help drinking-water suppliers to develop water safety plans for their drinking-water supplies, the Ministry of Health has produced a number of tools.

[Download a copy of the "Water Safety Plan Guides for Drinking Water Supplies"](#) from the Ministry of Health for more information.

