



# How to start a Safety Action Plan

## Ready to start your safety action plan?

It may help to review examples that exist from around the country. The Local Road Safety Plan DIY Website has [examples from around the country](#) to help you get started. Additionally, FHWA has created a [Local Road Safety Plan Template](#) that you can fill in with your specific needs and goals.

### Have a “Champion”

The safety champion, whether appointed or selected by the plan proponents, will advocate for its successful development, implementation, and evaluation. This guide will help give you an idea of who is [qualified to that job](#) and what they need to be aware of. [Do you want to be that champion?](#) Learn about specialized safety programs in your state, contact your state LTAP, or find out how you can participate in state safety meetings to leverage the knowledge of those groups.

### Develop a vision

Take a look at the [Developing Safety Plans Manual](#) to help develop that vision. Try becoming familiar with other [Local Road Safety Plans](#), your [State Highway Safety Plan](#), or [Vision Zero](#) plans for inspiration and guidance.

### Trying to identify stakeholders?

[Who makes a useful stakeholder?](#) Try to include other stakeholders such as public health, construction and maintenance staff, school district, large employers, and local advocacy groups.

### Identify safety improvements

Transportation agencies are strongly encouraged to consider widespread implementation of proven safety countermeasures to achieve their Safety Action Plan goals. FHWA's [Proven Safety Countermeasures](#) and NHTSA's [Countermeasures that Work](#) are good places to start for safety solutions. You can also visit the [Crash Modification Clearinghouse](#) for more information on what to expect.

### Implement solutions

Implement solutions. Implementation will be the result of the buy in, vision, and funding you receive for your goals. Implementation can be anything like public education campaigns, targeted law enforcement, construction improvements, and much more. To get an idea of what the overall process might look like for you, check out the [low cost local roadway solutions](#) from ATSSA.

*Remember, resources are out there if you need them. Check out these useful documents and links:*

- [National Association of County Engineers \(NACE\) – A Template for Local Roadway Safety Plan \(Word File\)](#)
- [FHWA - Local and Rural Road Safety Briefing Sheets: Local Road Safety Plans](#)
- [FHWA - Developing Safety Plans: A Manual for Local and Rural Road \(2012\)](#)
- [FHWA - Local Road Safety Plan Do-It-Yourself Website](#)
- [FHWA, Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool \(2013\)](#)
- [FHWA – Local and Rural Road Safety Program](#)

If you ever need help, don't hesitate to [contact the team at FHWA](#).