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Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience launches free resource for crowd health and safety

Today the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) announced the release of updated principles and practical advice for crowd health and safety – from transport hubs to major events.

A free national resource, the *Safe and Healthy Crowded Places Handbook* encourages a proactive approach from event organisers, venue managers, emergency services, government and others.

AIDR CEO Stuart Ellis said the handbook reflects a heightened focus in Australia and internationally on the issue of keeping crowds safe.

“Events and gatherings in public places are an important part of Australian life. This resource is the authoritative guide for promoting safety and resilience in crowded places, whether it’s a beach, an airport, a shopping centre or a festival,” Mr Ellis said.

“The handbook contains user-friendly information on risk management, site planning, crowd psychology, communication and other issues, and complements *Australia’s Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism*.”

AIDR developed the handbook with input from Australian and international experts on behalf of the Australian Government. The handbook is freely available on the AIDR Knowledge Hub:

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/handbook-15-safe-and-healthy-crowded-places/>

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