



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Ruapehu District Council**

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#### **SKATEBOARDS AND BIKES CAUSE FOOTPATH PROBLEMS**

Along with the arrival of summer there are lots of people out and about enjoying the warmer weather and starting to get into their summer games and sports and having friends over.

With this in mind Council would like to ask the public to be careful and take care of themselves and others over the Christmas, New Year and summer period.

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) compliance staff has recently received complaints from members of the public concerned about skateboarders on the main streets of Ruapehu townships that has required them to remind some young people of the bylaw against this type of activity in the central business district (CBD) areas.

RDC Team Leader Compliance, Brenda Ralph, said that due to the safety risk to other members of the public the use of skateboards and bicycles on the CBD areas is prohibited.

"Ruapehu now has some amazing cycle-ways spread across the District and both Taumarunui and Ohakune have skate amenities that Council hopes Ruapehu youth will put to good use," she said.

Mrs Ralph said that summer and the New Year was also party season and that Council's compliance team would ask if you are having a party to be considerate of your neighbours with respect to noise.

"Consideration can go along way so please inform your neighbours if you are having a party and check that your music doesn't sound too loud on your boundary."

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