

# speakout

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**A reporting system for racist incidents in Nelson/Tasman**

**[www.speakout.org.nz](http://www.speakout.org.nz)**

**0508 SPEAK OUT (0508 773 256)**

**or tell someone at one of the reporting centres listed on the website**

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# Why Speak Out?

- To help make our community safer
- To stop it happening again
- To teach people that its not OK
- To get help and justice for victims
- To collect information about racist incidents to assist the Human Rights Commission and the Police to educate and make our community safer
- International Best Practice - UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination, (ratified by NZ)

## Did you know:

- Nelson has the third largest percentage of migrants per capita in 2008 behind Auckland and Wellington
- We had 772 International students residing in the region in 2008
- Our Maori population has doubled since 1991
- In a 2009 research report\*, more than 90 percent of non European participants who had lived in the region for more than a few months had experienced racial abuse -
  - 81% personally experienced racism
  - 86% witnessed racism
  - 39% felt unsafe
  - Only 21% reported, but 80% would report if easy to do so

\* "Towards a Reporting System for Racist Incidents in Nelson Tasman: **Diverse Communities Speak**" report by Debbie Kohner, published in 2009.

## Supporters of Speakout:

- Whakatu Marae Inc Whanau
- Tasman District Council
- English Language Partners
- Nelson Safer Community Council
- Nelson Tasman Settlement Support
- Nelson Bays Community Law Service
- Nelson Tasman Pasifika Community Trust
- Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
- Settling In - Ministry of Social Development
- Nelson Multicultural Council
- Refugee Services Aotearoa
- Victory Community Centre
- New Zealand Police
- Nelson City Council
- Human Rights Commission
- Life Line

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