

SUMMER RESEARCH 2024/25

PROJECT ABSTRACT



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PROJECT # 8

SUPERVISOR/S:	Dr Lisa Tompson
PROJECT TITLE:	To what extent can proxies of routine activities explain increased risk of re-victimisation for crimes in public and private space?
FIELD:	Crime Science
DIVISION/SCHOOL:	Te Puna Haumaru New Zealand Institute for Security and Crime Science
PROJECT LOCATION:	Hamilton

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It is well established that the chance of being victimised is associated with being in risky situations. Previous research using victimisation survey data has examined the relationship between routine activity variables and risk of victimisation in several countries. This body of research has found different crime types are more likely to be experienced by people with particular routine activities (e.g., people who spend a lot of time out of the home are at risk of burglary and violence in public places). However, we do not know if findings from overseas will be similar in Aotearoa New Zealand because this type of research has yet to be done here. In this project, we will take variables that approximate routine activities (e.g., whether someone is studying, working, or retired) to determine if these are associated with risk of re-victimisation. Our focus will be on crimes that take place in public space and private space (i.e., the home). The findings will help to build the evidence base in Aotearoa New Zealand about who is most at risk of re-victimisation, and can subsequently inform victim support strategies.

STUDENT SKILLS:

- Background in Crime Science
- Familiarity with data and basic analysis
- Aptitude to learn the R programming language
- Attention to detail
- Good communication skills
- Time management skills

PROJECT TASKS:

1. Background reading
2. Data analysis
3. Create research poster
4. Write executive summary of findings

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

- Student's Research Poster (as per clause 6 of the [Scholarship regulations](#))
- Executive summary of findings

