

NATIONAL'S ACTION PLAN ON VIOLENT CRIME

National is ready to take action on violent crime. Our comprehensive policies have been costed and funded. If National is elected to lead the next Government, I will see to it that these actions are taken as a priority.



John Key, National Party Leader

- 1. Clamp Down on Gangs and the “P” trade they support.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » More police powers to remove and storm gang fortifications, and carry out surveillance.
 - » Increase penalties for being a member of a criminal organisation.
 - » Make gang membership an aggravating factor in sentencing.
- 2. Tackle Youth Crime.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » Extend Youth Court jurisdiction to 12 and 13 year olds.
 - » New Youth Court orders for mentoring, parenting, rehabilitation, and electronic monitoring.
 - » Year-long Fresh Start programmes including residential training at army-type facilities.
- 3. Toughen the Bail Laws.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » Reverse Labour’s recent law changes that make it easier to get bail.
- 4. No Parole for the Worst Repeat Violent Offenders.** **PRIORITY ACTION**
 - » Life means life for the worst murderers and for murderers with a record of serious violence.
 - » No parole for those convicted twice of serious violent crimes.
- 5. Boost Police Numbers.** **COMMENCE TRAINING IN JANUARY 2009**
 - » Train 600 extra police and put every single one on the front line.
 - » One police officer for every 500 people by 2011.
 - » 300 new police on South Auckland streets by the end of 2010.
- 6. More DNA Testing.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » DNA test every person arrested for an offence punishable by imprisonment.
- 7. On-the-Spot Protection Orders.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » Empower police to issue temporary on-the-spot protection orders to protect victims of domestic violence.
- 8. Compensate Victims.** **LEGISLATION DRAFTED**
 - » Set up a Victims Compensation Scheme funded by a levy on offenders.
 - » Upgrade follow-up services for victims.
- 9. Longer Sentences for Crimes against Children.** **PRIORITY ACTION**
 - » Extend maximum sentences for violent abuse, neglect, and manslaughter of children.
 - » Take into account when sentencing that the victim is a child.
- 10. Prisons that Work.** **PRIORITY ACTION**
 - » No parole for prisoners who are fit to work but refuse to work.
 - » 1000 more prisoners learning industry-based skills.
 - » Double the number of prisoners getting drug and alcohol treatment.

