

# Kerikeri Peninsula

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## Safe Trapping Guide

Thank you for joining in trapping on Kerikeri Peninsula to help protect the native species living here. If you are doing this as part of Kerikeri Peninsula Conservation Charitable Trust, please familiarise yourself with our online [Health and Safety Plan](#). If we are providing you with traps or pest control equipment one of our team will go over the trapping process with you. But before you start, here are a few quick reminders.

1. Hygiene. As a successful trapper you will need to remove pest carcasses from traps. Please take care when doing this and think about where you dispose of the carcass. Bugs and diseases such as leptospirosis can be avoided by wearing disposal gloves and washing your hands carefully afterwards.
2. Toxins. If we are providing you with toxins we will advise you of what these are and the correct process when using them, including use of gloves and handwashing. Care around handling and disposal is important. Also be aware of where any residual toxin or poisoned carcasses may end up and whether children or pets may come across these.
3. Getting snapped. We use a range of traps and some of these have a nasty bite. Take care when setting, clearing and resetting your traps and keep fingers clear of the kill bar at all times. You will be shown the correct technique when you are given the traps. It's a good idea to screw down the lid of a DOC200 box.
4. Avoiding bycatch. Traps and bait stations are designed to avoid catching non-target species but it's better not to take the chance. Make sure you think about risk to non-targets when placing and setting your traps. This includes setting snap traps well back in the box and having Trapinators and SA2 traps off the ground, away from inquisitive kiwi. Toxin should always be in a bait station or bait bag attached at height.
5. Working outdoors. Most of you will know your own property well but if its sizeable it's a good idea to let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back. Traps and bait stations are often located off the beaten track so terrain can also be something to think about to avoid sprained ankles or wrenched knees. Think about the weather too – rain or shine.

6. Want to learn more? Read up on some trapping tips here:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/threats-and-impacts/pf2050/pf2050-trapping-guide.pdf>