

HE TOHU O TE MATE IKURA RORO SEE A STROKE



If you see any of these signs,
call 111 immediately.

KIA TERE! WAEA ATU KI 111.

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Some community support services in the
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www.stroke.org.nz

KIA HIWA RĀ!

HE TOTO RERE PAI
HE TOHU ORA
LOWER BLOOD PRESSURE
LOWER STROKE RISK

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He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!

HE AHA TE RERE O TE TOTO? WHAT IS BLOOD PRESSURE?

As blood travels around the body it puts pressure on blood vessel walls.

Blood pressure is **written** like this: **120/80**.

Blood pressure is **spoken** like this: **120 over 80**.

The higher number (120) is the **Systolic Pressure**. This is the pressure on the blood vessel walls **as the heart pumps** the blood around the body.

The lower number (80) is the **Diastolic Pressure**. This is the pressure on the blood vessel walls **as the heart rests** between pumps.

The chart below is a guide only to show you the blood pressure levels. Learn your numbers and continue keep your blood pressure at a healthy level.

	Systolic	Diastolic
Normal	Less than 120	Less than 80
High normal	120-139	80-89
High blood pressure	Greater than 140	Greater than 90

HE AHA TE RERE O TE IA TOTO TAIKAHA?

WHAT IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?

Many people are affected by stroke because of high blood pressure (also known as hypertension.) High blood pressure is the **number one risk factor of stroke** in Aotearoa.

High blood pressure puts strain on all the blood vessels in the body, including in the brain. This can damage the blood vessels and make them harder and narrower, which can lead to a stroke.

Sometimes, the strain is enormous and it weakens the blood vessel in the brain. High blood pressure will cause the blood vessel to burst and bleed into the brain causing a stroke.



KIA ORA TONU TE RERE O TE TOTO KEEP YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE HEALTHY

A stroke can be prevented by keeping your blood pressure down. You can do this by making small changes to reduce your risk of stroke.

Kia kaha te haere ki te rata, tākuta rānei!

Get your blood pressure checked regularly. Learn your numbers and keep a healthy level.

If you take medication, it is important to follow your doctor's advice. Medicine can help to reduce your risk of stroke.

Kia kaha te kai hei orange!

Eat healthy kai - fruit, vegetables, cereals, grainy breads, lean meat, chicken, kaimoana.

Kia kaha te whakakore i te kai tote!

Cut down on salt. Too much salt can raise your blood pressure. Choose foods low in salt. Takeaway food's contain too much salt and fat.

Kia kaha te korikori tinana!

Regular exercise for 30 minutes a day will help lower your blood pressure and risk of stroke.

Kia kaha te whakamutu kai hikareti. Me mutu!

Be smokefree. A doctor, nurse or Quitline advisor (0800 778 778 or www.quitline.org.nz) can support you.