



PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: WHY THE TERM “COMMUNITY” IS NOT SYNONYMOUS WITH “NEIGHBOURHOOD”

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Mobile Lifestyles = Mobile Networks

People have multiple homes, distant workplaces, and external venues that feed their needs, interests, and activities. As a result, people are constantly shifting within a mobile framework.^{3, 5}

This means they are not static, and their interactions with the people, places, and communities they come in contact with, are transitory.^{6, 7}

Because people are mobile, they will encounter different risks as they experience disparate landscapes.²



Figure 1:
Elements of an
Individual
Community

Current “community” - based approaches may underestimate variances that exist between neighbourhoods and communities^{4,7}



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Neighbourhoods are physical structures and are constrained by logistical limitations.⁴

Communities are comprised of connective networks - including individuals based on their common interests, rather than on the logistical proximity of their residences.^{1, 7}

Neighbourhoods are not synonymous with communities.

However, communities can *overlay* neighbourhoods, thereby affecting the ways people engage with risk information in various spaces.

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