



# Local Citizens' Pledge

Skäggetorp 2024–2025

## Background to the pledge

**Linköping Municipality and the police, together with 17 partners, have created a Citizens' Pledge for Skäggetorp. The aim of the pledge is to increase the safety and well-being of those who live in or visit the area.**

**We also want residents to have more confidence in society, and for fewer children and young people to be recruited into crime. The long-term aim is for Skäggetorp to no longer be considered a particularly vulnerable area.**

In Skäggetorp, there is a great commitment from property owners, civil society and the business sector to contribute to crime prevention and efforts to ensure a greater sense of security. To coordinate these efforts and measures, the municipality has initiated localised collaboration together with local actors. The various stakeholders have worked together to produce an overview of the current situation. This identifies several positive opportunities, but also challenges.

In addition to the measures in the Citizens' Pledge, a lot of work is being done with and by individual stakeholders to develop the area.

The aim of the local Citizens' Pledge in Skäggetorp is to work in a structured manner to prevent crime and to create a greater sense of security, while also communicating the work to local residents and visitors to the area. The local Citizens' Pledge applies between August 2024 and December 2025, with follow-ups and reports to be presented three times per year.

The results will be communicated via social media and at **[www.linkoping.se](http://www.linkoping.se)**





## Our joint pledges to you!

**All of the actors** promise to continue to participate in and jointly develop the localised collaboration efforts in Skäggetorp. Within the framework of localised collaboration, an action plan for the development of the area in both the long and the short term will be drawn up and implemented jointly by the participating actors.

We all promise to jointly implement six safety patrols and three citizen dialogues as part of increased presence in the area during the evenings, and so we can continuously identify the need for – and follow up on – measures in the physical environment. The focus is on capturing the perspectives of different target groups, focusing particularly on the gender perspective and women's safety.

### Partners:



# 1. Increase safety and well-being in the public environment

**Local security surveys show that there is a greater sense of insecurity in Skäggetorp than in other districts, and that women feel less safe than men. Vandalism, littering and feeling that it is unsafe to be outdoors in the evenings are particularly prominent in this area, with certain places being particularly unsafe.**

The members of Skäggetorp's property owners' association – Lejonfastigheter, Willhem, Victoriahem and Stångåstaden – are working together to ensure *a safe environment, pride in the area, meaningful leisure time for children and young people, and more job opportunities*. The association works together with businesses and civil society in the area.

Within the framework of the collaborative security initiative (*Effektiv samordning för trygghet*, EST), the municipality, the police, Stångåstaden, Willhem and Lejonfastigheter meet at least once per week and work with measures based on a joint overview of the current situation in Skäggetorp. The aim of the EST initiative is to prevent crime and to make the public environment a safer place to be.

## Skäggetorp Centrum

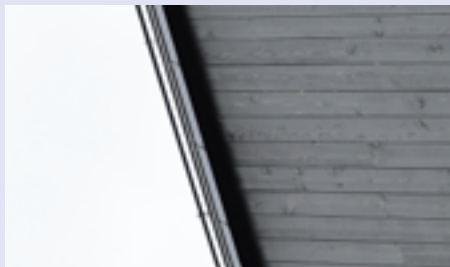
Working together with the police, Willhem will implement an initiative to increase safety in stairwells in buildings that are particularly unsafe or prone to crime. They are implementing physical measures to increase safety in Skäggetorp Centrum, including new signs, physical management measures, and developing the centre in dialogue with traders and customers. They will also enhance the lighting in their buildings with 45 lighting points.

The shopping centre's traders are involved in the localised collaboration, and are helping to produce an overview of the situation while also taking part in the joint actions.

## The activity park and football pitch

The Department for the Environment and Public Buildings will complete work on the activity park and planning projects in Skäggetorp during 2024.

Social services, municipal security guards, the police, and local clubs and associations will implement joint measures in connection with the football pitch, with a focus on greater presence and clarity around the site. The actors working in the area meet up at the site just before the session and determine the direction to be taken.



## 2. Increase trust in society

In Skäggetorp, civic knowledge and trust in social institutions are considered to be low, which presents a risk of disinformation. There is a culture of silence within the area, whereby people are afraid to intervene in cases of criminal behaviour and where the social cohesion/trust in each other is lower than in many other areas.

### Accessibility and knowledge

**Social services** will open a local office in Skäggetorp Centrum in September 2024, and will visit schools in the area to talk about preventing gang recruitment.

**The police** participate annually in parent meetings at all schools in Skäggetorp, and visit homes in the area to promote safety, increase public confidence in the police and create a dialogue with local residents.

**Kontakt Linköping** is present in Skäggetorp every weekday to help residents with information, applications, cases and getting in touch with the right department within the municipality, as part of increasing residents' trust and faith in the community.

**Familjecentralen** offers free parenting training and presentations in the area. Open preschool and SFI have initiated a joint scheme whereby those on parental leave with children up to the age of 1 year can study the Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) language course. The course is held at the open preschool in Ryd, but you do not need to live in Ryd to attend.

**The municipal preschools** in the area visit homes to inform residents about the opportunities for preschool education.

**The municipality's Safety and Security unit** offers at least two awareness-raising sessions concerning unauthorised influence to local actors working in the area.





**Religionsdialogen** consists of representatives from the municipality, the police, the Church of Sweden, Bosniakiska Islamiska Samfundet, Religion & Kulturhuset and the Islamic Association in Sweden. It meets at least five or six times per year, and carries out joint activities that aim to raise knowledge and awareness of different social issues among members of the various religious communities.

**The Islamic Association in Sweden and the municipality** carry out outreach work together to provide information about social services, crisis preparedness and other societal issues, in order to increase trust and counter the spread of disinformation.

**Social services** invites residents of Skäggetorp to at least one information meeting per year, to talk about their targeted approach and to counter the spread of disinformation.

**ABF** runs at least two courses in Swedish and other languages, and on IT skills, civic knowledge and the labour market.

**Jobcom** holds open days on four occasions, with presentations and business leaders talking about different industries and how to get into them.

**Stadsmissionen, ABF and the Red Cross** offer study support to children and young people in the area.

### 3. Reduce the recruitment of children and young people into crime

It is estimated that 69% of children (0–17 years) in Skäggetorp are living in economic hardship, which is significantly higher than in other areas, both locally and regionally. For children and young people, criminal behaviour may present a quick way to make money for food and clothing.

Spontaneous sport is very common in Skäggetorp – but it also provides a good opportunity for criminals to recruit children and young people. In 2024, Stadsmissionen and its partners launched the “Matmissionen” food shop in the area, where members can buy food at low prices.

#### Meaningful leisure time for children and young people

i-HUSET and Stadsmissionen are working together to provide meaningful leisure time for children and young people by donating deposit return money from the Matloftet food court to local initiatives in Skäggetorp.

Nygårdsskolan, Rosendalsskolan and Ulleviskolan offer school-age educare to all children in grades 1–2 in regular primary schools, even if the parents do not have a need for childcare. Schools offer all children in grades 4–6 free open educare activities every weekday.

Fritidslotsen provides guidance to help children and young people to find leisure activities that they enjoy.

#### Sport

RF-SISU Östergötland works to strengthen the presence of sporting organisations in Skäggetorp through coordination, training and financial support. The aim is to increase the number of young people actively involved in clubs and associations.

Skäggetorps ungdomsförening arranges free football evenings twice per week for children aged 12–15. It also organises various activities during school holidays.

Aktivitetshuset Taekwondo Linköping offers free training at Rosendalsskolan for both girls and boys. It also trains coaches/leaders and organises activities during school holidays.

Hemgårdarnas bollklubb arranges football activities for boys and girls aged 8–15 in Skäggetorp. The club offers three weeks of free football school during the summer for those aged 8–13, and the basketball section offers activities for 7–10-year-olds.



## Culture

**Agora** is bolstering its workforce with a 75% position to focus on enabling more children up to the age of 12 to have meaningful leisure time.

**The Church of Sweden** has employed a new musician who will work with Agora to provide choral singing for middle school children.

**ABF** runs a film school for ten participants in the area, and also organises a film festival in October with the theme of countering radicalisation and supporting young people who find themselves in social exclusion.

**Världens mammor** offers organised leisure activities at Skäggetorp Centrum on all weekdays for mothers and children in the local residential area. **Världens ungdomar** offers organised leisure activities two days per week for young people.

**Ung puls** offers free activities at Skäggetorp Centrum in collaboration with clubs/associations and other actors. These activities are aimed at young people aged 13–18.



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and criminality*



## Opportunities for work experience through employment, practical placements or summer jobs

**Jobcom** helps 50 people from Skäggetorp to find work through the companies in their network.

**Lejonfastigheter** offers 18 summer jobs in the outdoor environment each year for young people aged 16–19 in the area.

**IKEA** is working to raise greater awareness of their local market in Skäggetorp. It will offer free presentations about working for the company, and will organise free seminars. IKEA's goal is that more people from Skäggetorp will enter the labour market, and will provide practical placements for at least two people among the target group in 2025.

**Stångåstaden** enables local residents to get help to become self-sufficient via Linkstep, and offers practical placements and summer jobs for children and young people in the area.

**Victoriahem** offers employment through its environmental hosting programme.

**The Red Cross** offers practical placements, work training and volunteer work at its second-hand shop in Skäggetorp Centrum.

**Stadsmissionen** offers personal development activities for young people aged 16–25 with regard to education and work.

**Ferieteamet** at the Department for Integration and Labour Market offers summer jobs for three-week periods for young people on behalf of the Department for Education.



## Targeted measures for children and young people at risk of being recruited into crime

### SSPF (a collaboration between schools, social services, police and the leisure sector)

In Skäggetorp, schools, social services, the police and the leisure sector work together to help children and young people in grades 4–9 who are at risk of becoming involved in crime, as well as children and young people who exhibit non-normative or criminal behaviour.

### The Right Curve

The police and social services work together to help children aged 8–15, and their families, where there is an increased risk that the children may become involved in organised crime. This work also involves the participation of schools, the leisure and labour market sectors within the municipality, as well as business and civil society.





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