

CAMPUS SAFETY SURVEY HIGHLIGHTS

2010 Student Affairs' Student Voice Survey Results

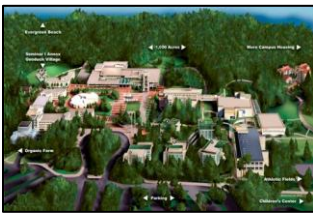
Student Voice Survey Report #2



Student Affairs periodically conducts surveys about issues which impact students. In April 2010 Student Affairs conducted four surveys utilizing Student Voice, an entity which develops surveys in partnership with national experts. The surveys assess students' perceptions and experience, providing comparative data with national respondents. Every currently registered Evergreen student was randomly selected to participate in one of the four surveys, and upon completion of one survey they were invited to participate in another survey. Total response rate across all surveys was 38%. Overall, the respondents were similar to the Evergreen student population, with females and upper-division students responding at a higher rate. Additional demographic data is available [online](#). Participation was voluntary and all responses were completely confidential; the resulting data is reported only in the aggregate.

This report highlights some results from the **Campus Safety and Student Conduct Survey**. The survey had 436 respondents for a response rate of 34%. The data was reviewed by staff in Police Services, Residence Life, and the Vice President for Student Affairs' Office.

We welcome questions or comments. Please direct them to [Michael Sledge](#) or [Wendy Endress](#), Co-Chairs of the Student Affairs Assessment Initiative.



Students' Perceptions of Safety on Campus

How safe do you feel on campus overall?

	National	TESC
Very safe	61%	68%
Somewhat safe	32%	25%
Neither safe nor unsafe	5%	5%
Somewhat unsafe	2%	<1%
Very unsafe	<1%	<1%
Not applicable/Does not apply to me	<1%	<1%
<i>Total respondents</i>	<i>13,929</i>	<i>431</i>



Evergreen students, to a statistically significant degree, reported feeling SAFER than their national peers when:

- walking alone on campus after dark or to a residence hall after dark
- waiting for public transport during the day and during the night
- walking alone in parking lots on campus during the day and during the night
- working in the library stacks late at night
- in the community surrounding campus



Evergreen students, to a statistically significant degree, reported feeling LESS SAFE than their national peers when:

- attending athletic events
- in residence hall rooms
- utilizing online communities (Facebook, MySpace, etc.)

The qualitative data about where students do not feel safe on campus reinforces the quantitative responses. Individual students reported feeling unsafe in the evening in areas such as the woods and tree-lined paths, bus stops, parking lots, and also “*anywhere I don’t have cell phone service*”.

Police and Crime on Campus

Evergreen students, more than their peers nationally, say there is adequate lighting and campus police presence on campus, and that they know how to get help if they have an emergency on campus. Evergreen students are less likely to have a physical fight, serious assault, or threat of physical harm than their peers nationally, and slightly more likely to report witnessing a hate crime or vandalism. Evergreen students report seeing police on campus, with more than one-third of respondents saying they see police daily, and another third saying they see police one or more times a week.



Seeking Assistance

A high percentage of Evergreen students are aware of the following:

- emergency phones 95%
- security escort 94%
- emergency text message program 84%
- who to call/what to do if they see suspicious activity 72%

Students indicated that they somewhat agree or strongly agree with the following:

- I know how to get help if I have an emergency on campus 79%
- campus administrators and staff take my safety seriously 75%
- campus police are responsive to safety issues 61%

89 % of Evergreen students report that they have not been a victim of crime on campus. Of the people who experienced crime on campus, 71% (45 respondents), were victims of property crime. Of those who experienced crime, only 41% reported it to police.



Less than 50% of students indicated that they somewhat agree or strongly agree with the following:

- I have a plan if there is a natural disaster on campus 44%
- people who live in my residential community take my safety seriously 39%