Youth in BC
BC Adolescent Health Survey
Neighbourhood Safety

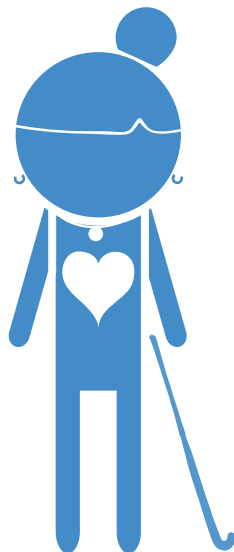64% of students felt safe in their neighbourhood during the day.

28% felt safe in their neighbourhood at night.

Youth who always felt safe in their neighbourhood reported feeling happier and calmer than youth who did not feel safe.

24% of youth who never felt safe in their neighbourhood during the day reported feeling high levels of stress, compared to 7% of youth who did feel safe in their neighbourhood during the day.

Youth who had been cyberbullied or had experienced in-person bullying were less likely to feel safe in their home or neighbourhood.

56% of youth who had been bullied felt safe in their neighbourhood during the day, compared to 71% of those who had not been bullied.

Youth in urban areas were less likely to feel safe in their neighbourhood than youth in rural areas.

17% of youth always felt safe on public transit.

5% never felt safe on public transit.

Males were more likely than females to feel safe at home, in their neighbourhood, and on public transit.

Youth who felt safe in their neighbourhood were more likely to be engaged in extra-curricular activities than those who did not feel safe.

They were also more likely to feel connected to their community.

Youth felt safer in their neighbourhood if they had an adult they could talk to and who cared about them.

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