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Crime and Safety Survey

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Form B



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Purpose of this Survey

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about the perceived level of crime in the community, the incidence of selected crimes and whether they are reported to the police. This information will help in crime prevention and provide a basis for community education programs.

Authority for this Survey

The information asked for is collected under the authority of the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*. Your co-operation is sought in completing the form and returning it to the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the envelope provided.

Confidentiality

The answers you provide will be treated confidentially. The Australian Bureau of Statistics is required by the *Census and Statistics Act* to maintain the secrecy of all information provided to it. No information will be released in a way that would enable an individual or household to be identified.

Due date

Please complete this form and return it to the Australian Bureau of Statistics **within 14 days**. Use the reply paid envelope provided. No stamp is required.

Help available

If you wish to enquire further about the survey or need any help in completing the forms, please ring the Crime Surveys Unit of the Australian Bureau of Statistics free of charge on: **Freecall 1800 174 830**.

Who should complete this form:

This form is for the:

male 1

aged years.

female 2

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Australian Statistician

1 What are the problems from crime or public nuisance in your neighbourhood?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Housebreakings / burglaries / theft from homes ... 1
 - Car theft ... 2
 - Other theft ... 3
 - Louts / youth gangs ... 4
 - Prowlers / loiterers ... 5
 - Drunkenness ... 6
 - Vandalism / graffiti / damage to property ... 7
 - Dangerous / noisy driving ... 8
 - Illegal drugs ... 9
 - Sexual assault ... 10
 - Other assault ... 11
 - Problems with neighbours / domestic problems ... 12
 - Other (please give details) ... 13
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- Not aware of any problems ... 14

2 How safe or unsafe do you feel at home by yourself during the day?

- Very unsafe ... 1
- Unsafe ... 2
- Neither safe nor unsafe 3 → Go to 4
- Safe ... 4 → Go to 4
- Very safe ... 5 → Go to 4
- Never home alone during the day ... 6 → Go to 4

3 What are the reasons you feel unsafe at home by yourself during the day?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Someone broke into my home or stole things from my home ... 1
- I have been attacked or treated violently by somebody ... 2
- I have been threatened or harassed by somebody ... 3
- Because of things I find out about from the media ... 4
- Because of crimes that have occurred in my area ... 5
- My home is not secure enough ... 6
- Disturbances occur near my home (e.g. gangs, vandalism, drunkenness) 7
- There is nobody around to help if something happens ... 8
- Because of my age ... 9
- I am physically unable to defend myself ... 10
- I have seen or heard people acting suspiciously ... 11
- Other (please give details) ... 13

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4 How safe or unsafe do you feel at home by yourself after dark?

- Very unsafe 1
- Unsafe 2
- Neither safe nor unsafe 3 → Go to **6**
- Safe 4 → Go to **6**
- Very safe 5 → Go to **6**
- Never home alone after dark 6 → Go to **6**

5 What are the reasons you feel unsafe at home by yourself after dark?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Someone broke into my home or stole things from my home 1
- I have been attacked or treated violently by somebody 2
- I have been threatened or harassed by somebody 3
- Because of things I find out about from the media 4
- Because of crimes that have occurred in my area 5
- My home is not secure enough ... 6
- Disturbances occur near my home (e.g. gangs, vandalism, drunkenness) 7
- There is nobody around to help if something happens 8
- Because of my age 9
- I am physically unable to defend myself 10
- I have seen or heard people acting suspiciously 11
- I can't see what's happening when it's dark 12
- Other (*please give details*) 13

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6 How long have you lived at this address?

- Less than 1 year 1
- 1 to less than 3 years 2
- 3 to less than 5 years 3
- 5 years or more 4

7 The following questions on this form are about things that may have **happened to you personally**.

In the last 12 months, has anyone stolen or tried to steal anything from you?

Yes 1

No 5 → Go to **27**

8 In how many of those incidents (in question 7), were you physically attacked or threatened with violence?

Include

- any incident where you were pushed, shoved, hit or attacked, etc.

Exclude

- any incident where you did not encounter the offender(s) in person

Write how many:

None 0 → Go to **26**

9 How many of these incidents became known to the police?

None 0

One 1

Two 2

Three or more
(write how many incidents) ...

Don't know 99

10 When did the most recent incident occur?

Less than 3 months ago 1

3 months to less than 6 months ago 2

6 months to less than 9 months ago 3

9 months to 12 months ago 4

11 Did you tell the police about the most recent incident?

Yes 1 → Go to **13**

No 5

12 What was the main reason you did not tell the police about the most recent incident?

Please tick one box only

Too trivial/unimportant 1 → Go to **14**

Somebody else told police 2

I thought there was nothing police could do 3 → Go to **14**

I thought the police would have been unwilling to do anything 4 → Go to **14**

Personal matter/ take care of it myself 5 → Go to **14**

I was too confused/ upset/injured 9 → Go to **14**

Other
(please give details) 15 → Go to **14**

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13 How were the police told about the most recent incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

Reported in person at a police station ... 1

Police were telephoned (includes phoning emergency (000) number, police 'call centre', Crime Stoppers, local police station, etc.) ... 2

Police were at the scene already ... 3

Don't know - the incident was reported by someone else ... 4

Other (please give details) ... 5

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14 Was anything actually stolen from you as a result of the most recent incident?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5 → Go to 16

15 What was stolen from you in the most recent incident?

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16 In the most recent incident, did the offender(s)...

Please answer all parts of the question

Demand that you hand something over to them?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

Try to take, snatch or grab items from you?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

Actually take, snatch or grab items from you?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

Physically attack you?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

Threaten you with physical violence?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

Attack you or threaten you in some other way?

Yes (please describe) ... 1

No ... 5

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17 Was a weapon used in the most recent incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

- No weapon used 1
- Yes, knife 2
- Yes, gun 3
- Yes, syringe/hypodermic needle ... 4
- Yes, other (please give details) ... 5

18 Were you physically injured in the most recent incident?

- Yes, admitted to hospital... .. 1
- Yes, seen (treated) by doctor or other medical practitioner 2
- Yes, injured but not seen by doctor or other medical practitioner 3
- No, not injured 4

19 Did you see the offender(s) in the most recent incident?

- Yes 1
- No 5

20 How many offenders were there in the most recent incident?

- One 1
- Two 2
- Three or more 3
- Don't know 4

21 Please indicate the age of the offender(s) in the most recent incident:

- All under 18 years old 1
- All 18 years or over 2
- Some under 18, some 18 years or over 3
- Not sure 4

22 Please indicate whether the offender(s) in the most recent incident were male or female:

- Male 1
- Female 2
- Some male, some female 3
- Not sure 4

23 At the time of the most recent incident did you know the offender(s)?

- Yes 1
- Some known 2
- No 3
- Don't know 4

24 Where were you when the most recent incident occurred?

Please tick one box only

- At home 1
- At another person's home 2
- At my work - incident was related to my job 3
- At my work - incident was not related to my job 4
- At my place of study 5
- In a private vehicle, e.g. car 6
- In a public vehicle, e.g. train, bus or taxi 7
- At a train station, bus stop or interchange (or a car park at any of these) 8
- In a pub, nightclub, etc., (including car park) 9
- In another place of entertainment or recreation (including car park) ... 10
- In the street or other open land ... 11
- In a shopping centre, (including car park) 12
- Other (*please give details*) 13

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25 During the two weeks after the incident, did you have any of the following reactions?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Anger 1
- Shock 2
- Frustration 3
- Fear for personal safety 4
- Depression/anxiety/panic attacks ... 5
- Loss of confidence/ feeling vulnerable 6
- Difficulty sleeping 7
- Crying/tears 8
- Fear of being alone 9
- Became more cautious/wary 10
- Other (*please give details*) 11
- None of these 12

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30 How many of these incidents became known to the police?

- None 0
- One 1
- Two 2
- Three or more
(write how many incidents) ... 99
- Don't know 99

31 When did the most recent incident occur?

- Less than 3 months ago 1
- 3 months to less than 6 months ago 2
- 6 months to less than 9 months ago 3
- 9 months to 12 months ago 4

32 Did you tell the police about the most recent incident?

- Yes **→ Go to 34**
- No 5

33 What was the main reason you did not tell the police about the most recent incident?

Please tick one box only

- Too trivial/unimportant **→ Go to 35**
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- Somebody else told police 2
- I thought there was nothing police could do **→ Go to 35**
3
- I thought the police would have been unwilling to do anything **→ Go to 35**
4
- Personal matter/ take care of it myself **→ Go to 35**
5
- Told somebody else instead **→ Go to 35**
6
- Did not want offender punished **→ Go to 35**
7
- Afraid of reprisal **→ Go to 35**
8
- I was too confused/ upset/injured... .. **→ Go to 35**
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- Other (please give details) **→ Go to 35**
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34 How were the police told about the most recent incident?

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Police were at the scene already ... 3

Don't know - the incident was reported by someone else ... 4

Other (please give details) ... 5

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35 Was a weapon used in the most recent incident?

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No weapon used ... 1

Yes, knife ... 2

Yes, gun ... 3

Yes, syringe/hypodermic needle ... 4

Yes, other (please give details) ... 5

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36 Were you physically injured in the most recent incident?

Yes, admitted to hospital ... 1

Yes, seen (treated) by a doctor or other medical practitioner ... 2

Yes, injured but not seen by a doctor or other medical practitioner ... 3

No, not injured ... 4

37 Which of the following happened in the most recent incident?

Please tick one box only

Someone used physical force or violence against me 1 **→ Go to 39**

Someone attempted to use physical force or violence against me 2

Someone threatened to use physical force or violence against me 3

Other (please give details) 4

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38 At the time of the most recent incident, were you in danger of being hurt?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

39 Did you see the offender(s) in the most recent incident?

Yes 1

No 5

40 How many offenders were there in the most recent incident?

One 1

Two 2

Three or more 3

Don't know 4

41 Please indicate the age of the offender(s) in the most recent incident:

All under 18 years old 1

All 18 years or over 2

Some under 18, some 18 years or over 3

Not sure 4

42 Please indicate whether the offender(s) in the most recent incident were male or female:

Male 1

Female 2

Some male, some female 3

Not sure 4

43 At the time of the most recent incident did you know the offender(s)?

Yes 1

Some known 2

No 3 → Go to **45**

Don't know 4 → Go to **45**

44 At the time of the most recent incident how did you know the offender(s)?

Note: For example, friend, member of family, ex-spouse/ex-partner at time of incident, etc. (please give details).

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45 Where were you when the most recent incident occurred?

Please tick one box only

- At home ... 1
- At another person's home ... 2
- At my work - incident was related to my job ... 3
- At my work - incident was not related to my job ... 4
- At my place of study ... 5
- In a private vehicle, e.g. car ... 6
- In a public vehicle, e.g. train, bus, taxi ... 7
- At a train station, bus stop or interchange (or a car park at any of these) ... 8
- In a pub, nightclub, etc. (including car park) ... 9
- In another place of entertainment or recreation (including car park) ... 10
- In the street or other open land ... 11
- In a shopping centre, (including car park) ... 12
- Other (*please give details*) ... 13

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46 On what day of the week did the most recent incident occur?

- Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday ... 1
- Thursday ... 2
- Friday ... 3
- Saturday ... 4
- Sunday ... 5
- Not sure ... 6

47 What time of day did the most recent incident occur?

- Between 6:00 am and 11:59 am ... 1
- Between 12:00 noon and 5:59 pm ... 2
- Between 6:00 pm and 9:59 pm ... 3
- Between 10:00 pm and 1:59 am ... 4
- Between 2:00 am and 5:59 am ... 5
- Not sure ... 6

48 During the two weeks after the incident, did you have any of the following reactions?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Anger ... 1
- Shock ... 2
- Frustration ... 3
- Fear for personal safety ... 4
- Depression/anxiety/panic attacks ... 5
- Loss of confidence/ feeling vulnerable ... 6
- Difficulty sleeping ... 7
- Crying/tears ... 8
- Fear of being alone ... 9
- Became more cautious/wary ... 10
- Other (*please give details*) ... 11

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None of these ... 12

49 As a result of the incident, did you seek advice or support from any of the following?

Please tick one or more boxes

- A counsellor
(including social worker, psychologist, etc.) ... 1
- A doctor
(including general practitioner, medical specialist, etc.) ... 2
- A minister, priest, etc.
(including elder, imam, rabbi, monk or any other religious advisor) ... 3
- None of these ... 4

50 Have you used any of the following sources of help, because of this incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Crisis help
(including shelters, refuges, telephone crisis lines, Lifeline, etc.) ... 1
- Legal help
(including legal aid, legal centres, private solicitors, Clerks of Court, etc.) ... 2
- Financial help
(including Centrelink, church and community groups such as The Smith Family and Salvation Army, financial counselling, etc.) ... 3
- None used ... 4

51 Did you talk to any of the following people about the incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

- Family ... 1
- Friend or neighbour ... 2
- Work colleague ... 3
- Anyone else (please specify) ... 4
- None of these ... 5

52 Please describe briefly what actually happened in the most recent incident.

53 Please write any comments, or list any additional incidents you may wish to include, in the space provided below.

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54 The next questions are only for people aged 18 and over. Please tick your age group and follow the instructions below.

I am under 18 ₁ → Go to **80**
(final page)

I am 18 or over ₂ → Go to **Form C**
(next page)

Form C

The following questions are about sexual assault.

The questions are:

- to be completed whether or not you have been the victim of any sexual assault incidents in the last twelve months.
- to be completed by both males and females
- to be completed only by persons aged 18 years or over.

The information you provide is very important as it will enable the Government to formulate policies on law and order and develop crime prevention strategies.

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55 Completion of this Form C is VOLUNTARY.

It contains questions about sexual assault. The questions are to be completed whether or not you have been a victim of sexual assault.

Do you wish to complete Form C?

Yes ₁ → Go to **56**

No ₅ → Go to **79** (*final page*)

56 In the last 12 months, have you been the victim of sexual assault?

Include

- all incidents of a sexual nature involving physical contact - rape, attempted rape, indecent assault, assault with the intent to sexually assault

Exclude

- sexual harassment that did not lead to an assault

Yes 1

No 5 → Go to **79**

57 How many times were you a victim of sexual assault in the last 12 months?

Write how many times

58 How many of these incidents became known to the police?

None 0

One 1

Two 2

Three or more
(write how many incidents) ...

Don't know 99

59 When did the most recent incident occur?

Less than 3 months ago ... 1

3 months to less than 6 months ago 2

6 months to less than 9 months ago 3

9 months to 12 months ago ... 4

60 Did you tell the police about the most recent incident?

Yes 1 → Go to **62**

No 5

61 What was the main reason you did not tell the police about the most recent incident?

Please tick one box only

Too trivial/unimportant 1 → Go to **63**

Somebody else told police 2

I thought there was nothing police could do 3 → Go to **63**

I thought the police would have been unwilling to do anything 4 → Go to **63**

Personal matter/ take care of it myself 5 → Go to **63**

Told somebody else instead 6 → Go to **63**

Did not want offender punished 7 → Go to **63**

Afraid of reprisal ... 8 → Go to **63**

I was too confused/ upset/injured ... 9 → Go to **63**

Other
(please give details) 15 → Go to **63**

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62 How were the police told about the most recent incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

Reported in person at a police station ... 1

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Police were at the scene already ... 3

Don't know - the incident was reported by someone else ... 4

Other (please give details) ... 5

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63 Do you consider this incident to be a crime?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

64 Was a weapon used in the most recent incident?

Please tick one or more boxes

No weapon used ... 1

Yes, knife ... 2

Yes, gun ... 3

Yes, syringe/hypodermic needle ... 4

Yes, other (please give details) ... 5

Form area for question 64 with horizontal dashed lines for text entry.

65 Were you physically injured in the most recent incident?

Yes, admitted to hospital ... 1

Yes, seen (treated) by a doctor or other medical practitioner ... 2

Yes, injured but not seen by a doctor or other medical practitioner ... 3

No, not injured ... 4

66 Did you see the offender(s) in the most recent incident?

Yes ... 1

No ... 5

67 How many offenders were there in the most recent incident?

- One 1
- Two 2
- Three or more 3
- Don't know 4

68 Please indicate the age of the offender(s) in the most recent incident:

- All under 18 years old 1
- All 18 years or over 2
- Some under 18, some 18 years or over 3
- Not sure 4

69 Please indicate whether the offender(s) in the most recent incident were male or female:

- Male 1
- Female 2
- Some male, some female 3
- Not sure 4

70 At the time of the most recent incident did you know the offender(s)?

- Yes 1
- Some known 2
- No 3 → Go to **72**
- Don't know 4 → Go to **72**

71 At the time of the most recent incident how did you know the offender(s)?

Note: For example, friend, member of family, ex-spouse/ex-partner at time of incident, etc. (please give details).

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72 Where were you when the most recent incident occurred?

Please tick one box only

- At home 1
- At another person's home 2
- At my work - incident was related to my job 3
- At my work - incident was not related to my job 4
- At my place of study 5
- In a private vehicle, e.g. car 6
- In a public vehicle, e.g. train, bus or taxi 7
- At a train station, bus stop or interchange (or a car park at any of these) 8
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- In the street or other open land ... 11
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- Other (please give details) 13

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73 During the two weeks after the incident, did you have any of the following reactions?

Please tick one or more boxes

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- Shock 2
- Frustration 3
- Fear for personal safety 4
- Depression/anxiety/panic attacks ... 5
- Loss of confidence/ feeling vulnerable 6
- Difficulty sleeping 7
- Crying/tears 8
- Fear of being alone 9
- Became more cautious/wary 10
- Other (please give details) 11

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None of these 12

