

# What we heard

## Safer Cities Survey Report: Perceptions of safety in public spaces and transport hubs across NSW

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Community feedback shapes the way we think about, plan for and create great public spaces.

### Key insights



**1** Most women do not feel safe in public spaces after dark.



**2** After dark, women were twice as likely to feel unsafe in public spaces compared to men.



**3** For most people, a sense of safety in public spaces influences the routes they choose.



**4** If they felt safer in public spaces, people would be more likely to walk more, catch public transport more and go out during the day and after dark more.



**5** People feel safest in activated public spaces with plenty of people around.



**6** People's sense of safety can differ across age, ability, cultural background and identity.



**7** People's sense of safety in public spaces can differ depending on where they live.

The top five factors that influence the routes people choose to make are:



**85%**

It's well-lit



**76%**

Time of day



**75%**

There are other people around



**64%**

It has clear sightlines so I can see people



**64%**

It's well-maintained

### Who we heard from

We heard from people from all over NSW from diverse ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds.

**4,850+**

participants completed the survey.



Over **80%** of participants identify as women.

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