

# Dundas Street East and Sherbourne Street Area Safety Survey Summary of Results

1,097 Surveys Completed

## USE OF AREA

- The **main reasons** people said they were in the Dundas and Sherbourne area were: live in area, work in area, and passing through.
- **Most people** are typically in the area in the daytime (81%) and in the evening (64%).
- Just **over three-quarters** of respondents are in the area regularly - mainly on weekdays, but **roughly two-thirds** are in the area on weekends.
- **The majority** of respondents walk or use public transit in the area.

## SAFETY

- **Most people** who completed the survey said they do not feel safe at any time of the day or night in the Dundas and Sherbourne Street area. Only **just over 40%** said they feel 'very safe' or 'reasonably safe' in the morning and afternoon.
- And **about 85%** said they feel 'somewhat unsafe' or 'very unsafe' in the area at night and overnight, with the majority feeling "very unsafe".

## ISSUES/PROBLEMS

- **Over half of the respondents** said they had witnessed the following issues/problems in the area:
  - panhandling/squeegee
  - consumption of alcohol
  - fighting/assault
  - intimidation/harassment
  - public urination/defecation
  - discarded needles
  - drugs
  - loitering
  - littering
  - homelessness
  - prostitution
- **Drugs, homelessness and intimidation/harassment** were identified as the most serious issues/policing problems in the area.

## REPORTING PROBLEM/INCIDENT

- When asked if they had ever reported a problem or incident in the area, **one-third** of respondents had contacted police, **21%** had contacted 311, **23%** had contacted their city councillor, and **15%** had contacted the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC).
- Of these people, **just under half** were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with how it was handled by the police or 311, and **about a quarter** were satisfied with how it was handled by their councillor or TCHC.



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