



Project title: Toward a Community of Safety and Care: Exploring Public Safety in Downtown Saskatoon

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You are invited to complete a survey on your understanding and experience of safety in downtown Saskatoon for a research study entitled Toward a Community of Safety and Care: Exploring Public Safety in Downtown Saskatoon. The survey should take approximately 15 minutes. The survey will remain open until March 4, 2022.

Funded by Research Junction, this research (reviewed and approved on ethical grounds by the USask Behavioural Research Ethics Board) will promote understanding of factors shaping downtown safety and develop an evidence-informed, collaborative, coordinated response to public safety in Saskatoon.

There are no anticipated harms from participation, but questions about difficult experiences participants, friends, or family may have had in downtown Saskatoon may elicit feelings of distress, anxiety, or sadness. Your participation in the study is voluntary, choosing or not to participate will have no impact on services you enjoy, and you are free to withdraw at any time by closing your browser up to submission of the survey without penalty. You may answer only those questions with which you are comfortable. Should you feel distress, we can refer you to counselling services that are provided in the community.

Participants benefit by contributing to understanding and helping make downtown safe and attractive to all. The research will also give the City of Saskatoon and other stakeholders comprehensive evaluative

information for evidence-informed, collaborative responses to help ensure the safety of all in downtown Saskatoon. These benefits, however, cannot be guaranteed.

The data will be published in a report published on the CUISR website, in academic papers, and in presentations to academic conferences, to the community, the Community Advisory Committee, and to City of Saskatoon officials. Your confidentiality will be maintained. The data will be presented in aggregate form, so that it will not be possible to identify individuals. This survey is hosted by SurveyMonkey. Data will be stored on secure servers in facilities in Canada. Please see the following for more information on the Survey Monkey Privacy Policy.

For further information or to arrange to complete the survey in paper format, please contact Dr. John Hansen at 306-966-1489 or <u>John.hansen@usask.ca</u> or Dr. Isobel M. Findlay at 306-966-2120 or findlay@edwards.usask.ca or cuisr.oncampus@usask.ca or 306-966-2121.

To complete the survey, please click on this link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/VSZTPFX

Thank you for your interest in the study.