



UNLV Committee on Security and Safety (CCSS) Survey Summary

In October 2024, the UNLV Committee on Safety and Security (CCSS or the Committee) conducted a university wide survey to listen and learn about perceptions of safety on UNLV campuses. Following are summary results from the survey. The survey is not statistically significant, however, it provides insights into issues, concerns, and suggestions. Further analysis and correlations, especially due to the low student response rate, are necessary to gain a full understanding of the perceptions of safety and security within UNLV.

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Question 1: What resonates from the Options for Consideration?

Topical Area	Count of Responses
Infrastructure Improvements	116
Emergency Notifications	30
Chain of Command / Crisis Communication	7
Culture of Safety and Awareness	8
Training and Protocols for Security	14
Facility Access	11
FM Liaisons, Space Managers, Employee Managers, and Building Managers Roles	2
Training	5
Emergency Protocols	2
Assistance for Students/faculty/staff/PTIs with Disabilities	3
Other (Does not fall into any Options for Consideration)	33
Total number of responses	211



Question 2: What additional recommendations or ideas do you have for improving safety?

Topical Area	Count of Responses
Infrastructure Improvements	121
Emergency Notifications	6
Chain of Command / Crisis Communication	5
Culture of Safety and Awareness	12
Training and Protocols for Security	15
Facility Access	34
FM Liaisons, Space Managers, Employee Managers, and Building Managers Roles	2
Training	4
Emergency Protocols	1
Assistance for Students/faculty/staff/PTIs with Disabilities	0
Other (Does not fall into any Options for Consideration)	23
Total number of responses	214

Question 3: In comparison to last year, do you feel more or less safe on campus?

Response Options	Count of Responses
Much safer	12
Somewhat safer	73
Neutral	97
Somewhat less safe	53
Not safe at all	34
Total number of responses	269



Question 4: As you reflect on your personal safety while at work on UNLV properties, what steps are you taking to give yourself, students, visitors, and your colleagues peace of mind?

Responses Options	Number of Responses
Installing the RebelSAFE App	179
Knowing entries, exits, and safe spaces in your building	197
Noting locations of tools for safety and emergencies such as fire extinguishers.	130
Attending training provided by UNLV	70
Using the evening security escort service on the Maryland campus	26
Other	17
I'm not taking any steps at this time	26
Total number of responses	269

Question 5: Are there specific subject areas you would like increased communications regarding? (open ended) - 140 responses

Summary of the survey respondents regarding improved communication on these topics:

1. Threat Awareness, Reporting, and Updates: Many want timely information on any potential threats, including details about incidents on all UNLV campuses (and near them), and actions taken. Also want clearer communication about incidents after the emergency has passed, both 1) for next steps when a situation is ongoing but no longer at crisis / lockdown, and 2) more reporting about incidents (such as assault / burglary), to increase awareness.
2. Emergency Preparedness: More information about emergency procedures (e.g., active shooter drills), training opportunities, and specific protocols for different scenarios.
3. Transparency in Actions and Spending: There is a demand for transparency regarding safety measures being implemented, including updates on expenditures, security upgrades, and ongoing projects.
4. Increased Campus Police Presence: Suggestions include more warning when there is



increased UPD presence or scheduled ROTC drills, as well as increased visibility of university police officers to foster relationships with the campus community and improve feelings of safety.

5. **Safety Infrastructure Improvements:** Calls for enhancements such as more surveillance cameras, better lighting, and secure access to buildings have been noted (as well as needs for specific buildings). Also want more communication about improvements that have been made and where.
6. **Communication Clarity:** Respondents want clearer notifications regarding safety incidents, including better descriptions of locations and emergency statuses to avoid confusion during crises.
7. **Mental Health and Emotional Safety:** More communication about mental health & emotional safety & resources, and initiatives addressing needs of vulnerable groups.
8. **About On-Campus Events:** Several comments asked for more notice about on-campus events (not just large ones), and more specifics about them beyond the parking impact.
9. **Community Engagement:** Need for a stronger relationship between administration, faculty, students, and UPD; desire to involve the community in safety discussions.
10. **Consistent Updates and Engagement:** Regular updates on safety measures and training opportunities are seen as essential, as well as better communication strategies that resonate with a diverse audience.
11. **Additional Issues:** Need more communication about remote work options, scooter and skateboard safety, and homelessness.
12. **Good Communication (Thanks):** Communication has been frequent with clear messaging and updates have been pretty good or fantastic.

Question 6: Do you have any other comments or suggestions that the UNLV Committee on Campus Security and Safety (CCSS) should consider? (open ended) - 159 responses

1. **Communication:** Many expressed a need for more frequent and clear notifications during emergencies, suggesting a unified communication platform to ensure all staff and students receive critical updates. Many expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of timely and clear communication during emergencies, urging better protocols and transparency.
2. **Feedback Mechanisms:** Participants emphasized the need for ongoing communication



and feedback from staff and faculty regarding safety measures, a standardized way to provide them, and offered ideas for groups to talk to.

3. Emergency Training: There's a call for comprehensive safety training for all staff and students, including standardized evacuation plans and protocols for various emergencies.
4. Drills: Call for more active assailant training, including realistic drills with simulated gunfire, to enhance preparedness.
5. Infrastructure Improvements and Security Enhancements: Suggestions include increased security personnel, better lighting in dark areas, more surveillance cameras, and better building security (e.g., locks on classroom doors; access control to non-public areas), and requests to close campuses.
6. Infrastructure & Security for Specific Buildings / Campuses: Additional infrastructure comments about specific buildings or campuses.
7. Reporting Potential Threats / Follow-Up Response: Concerns were raised about handling individuals with troubling behaviors and the need to evaluate potential threats effectively and follow-up with those reporting concerns.
8. Inclusivity and Community Engagement in Safety Protocols: Several comments highlighted the importance of addressing campus climate issues, including racism and the need to partner with community organizations to reach out to the homeless. There's a push for training that addresses the needs of people with disabilities, emphasizing the importance of familiarizing everyone with these emergency procedures.
9. Concerns About Homelessness: The presence of homeless individuals raised safety concerns. Suggestions include better engagement with this population, those who provide related services, and clearer policies on their behavior.
10. Collaboration with Experts: Suggestions include engaging military and law enforcement for enhanced safety drills and better training protocols.
11. Funding and Accountability: Several comments stress the need for responsible use of funds dedicated to safety improvements and urge accountability in implementing recommendations.
12. Other / General Comments: Desire for quicker, more responsive action, and other comments that didn't quite fit into other areas.
13. Thanks to CCSS / UNLV



Selected Demographics

Affiliation with UNLV

Response Options	Count of Responses
Student	17
Academic Faculty Non-tenure-track (e.g., PTIs, FIRs, lecturers, etc.)	30
Academic Faculty Tenured / Tenure Track	50
Administrative Faculty	103
Classified Staff	37
Dental or Medical Resident	0
Graduate Assistant	10
Letter of Appointment	5
Postdoctoral Scholar	1
Temporary Hourly	2
Other	2
Prefer not to answer	19
Total Number of Responses	276

What is Your Gender Identity?

Response Options	Count of Responses
Male	73
Female	153
Non-binary	2
Other	1
Prefer not to answer	42
Total Number of Responses	271



With which race / ethnicity do you identify?

Response Options	Count of Responses
American Indian or Alaska Native	3
Asian or Asian American	27
Black or African American	14
Hispanic or Latinx	22
Middle Eastern or North African	3
Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian	1
White or Caucasian	127
Other	11
Prefer not to answer	64
Total Number of Responses	272

What is your Current Age?

Response Options	Count of Responses
Under 18 years old	3
18-24 years old	19
25-34 years old	30
35-44 years old	49
45-54 years old	58
55-64 years old	29
65 and over	21
Prefer not to answer	59
Total Number of Responses	268



Primary Work Location

Response Options	Count of Responses
Maryland Campus	215
Medical District	15
Satellite Campus	6
Fully Remote	8
Other	10
Prefer not to answer	16
Total Number of Responses	270

Student-Specific Questions

Are you a Full-time or Part-time Student?

Response Options	Count of Responses
Full time	14
Part time	3
Prefer not to answer	0
Total Number of Responses	17

Academic Standing

Response Options	Count of Responses
First year	3
Sophomore	3
Junior	4
Senior	3
Graduate student	4
Total Number of Responses	17



Dual Enrollment

Response Options	Count of Responses
Yes	3
No	13
Prefer not to answer	0
Total Number of Responses	16

Other NSHE Institution

Response Options	Count of Responses
Great Basin College	1
University of Nevada, Reno	1
College of Southern Nevada	1
Total Number of Responses	3