



## 2018 Granville Entertainment District Public Survey Report

# GOOD NIGHT OUT

### ON GRANVILLE

OUR STREET TEAM IS HERE TO HELP.



In October of 2018, Good Night Out (GNO) hosted a public survey asking respondents to share their experiences related to safety while out in the Granville Entertainment District and (if applicable) with the Good Night Out Street Team. This survey was similar to the one that was carried out at the conclusion of the Good Night Out Granville Street Team Pilot the year prior, with one additional question.

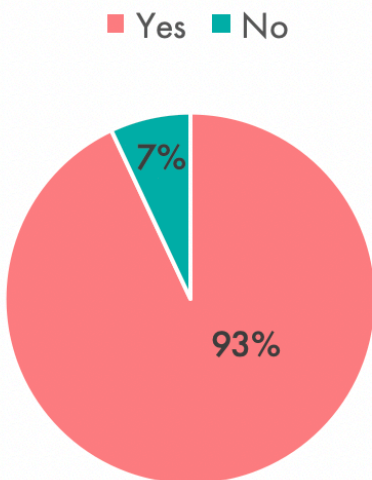
The survey was open for 3 weeks, from October 15 - Nov 6, which reflected the same timeframe it was conducted in 2017. The survey was advertised on Good Night Out Social Media for the full 3 weeks, with the posts being shared from the page 21 times. 76 people completed the 2018 version, compared to 100 people completing the 2017 survey.

This report summarizes the findings of this year's survey and offers comparison to the 2017 survey. It is hoped that this ongoing collection of data will help determine if the Good Night Out Granville Street Team is making a positive impact on people's perceptions of safety in the Granville Entertainment District.

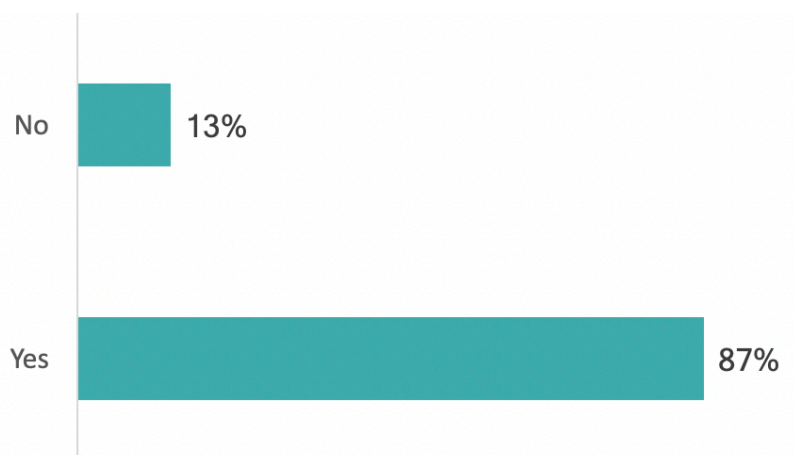
Good Night Out wishes to thank all of the community members who took the time to complete this survey and share their experiences.

### Have you ever felt unsafe while out on Granville Street?

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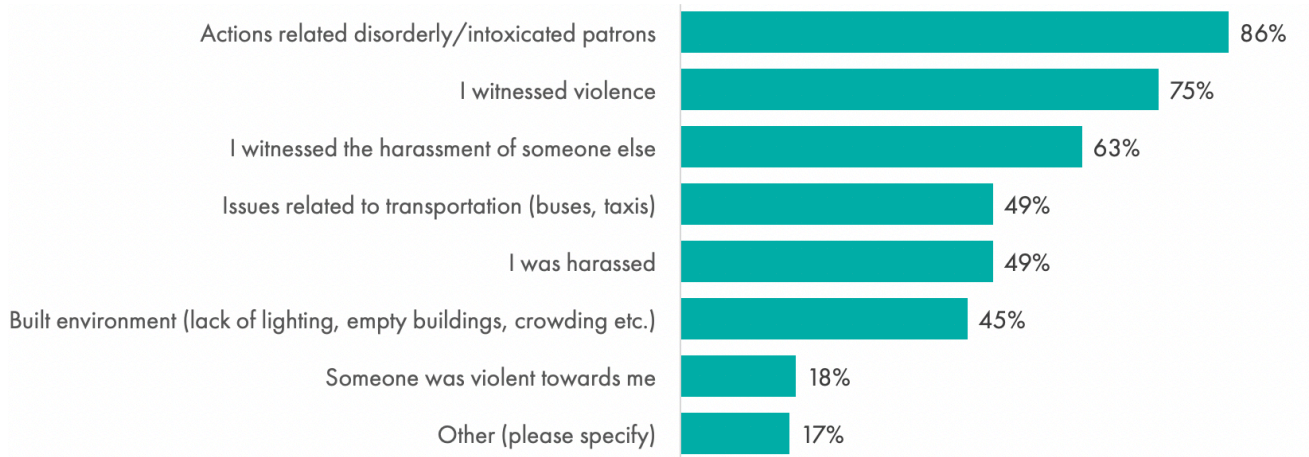


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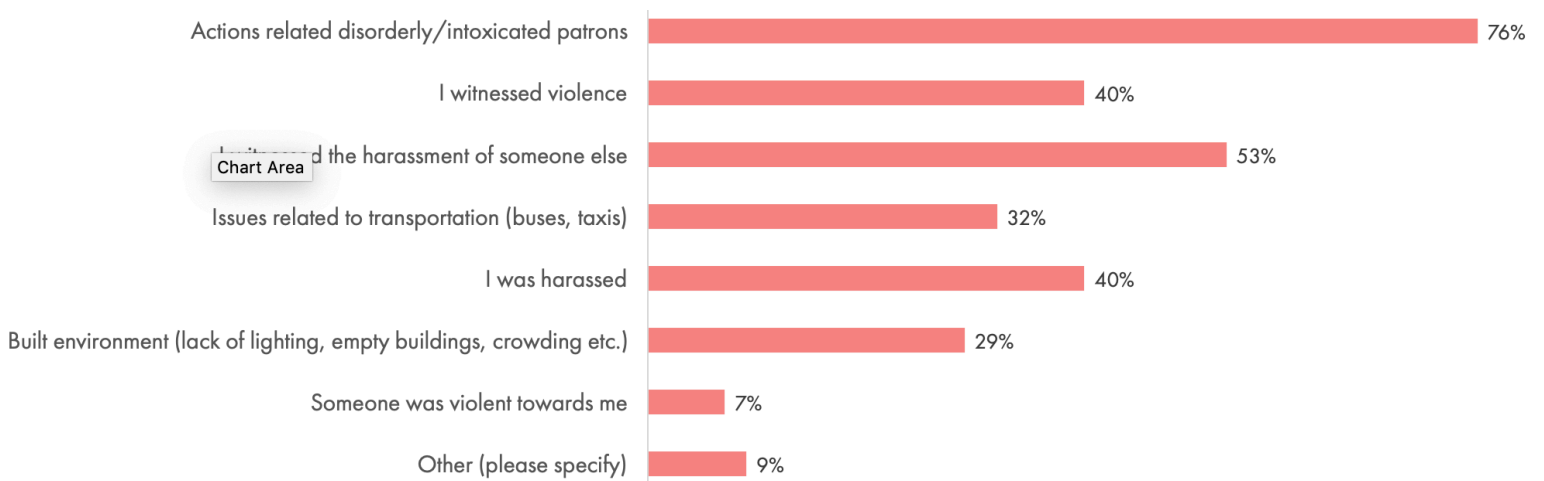


## If yes – Why did you feel unsafe? (check all that apply)

2018:



2017:



There were 12 responses providing more details as to why the respondent selected "Other."  
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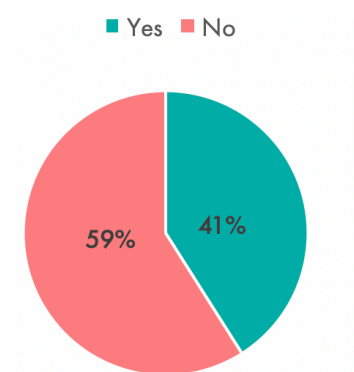
- It's a horrible landscape of harassment for femmes, threats of violence for mascs, and sexual harassment to everyone and anyone within their drunk sights.
- Followed closely by a man - felt like I was being stalked
- Drunk masculine energy is overpowering



- The police presence on weekend nights makes it feel like a dangerous area. They're necessary, but they also just add to the overall sense of an out of control area that's unsafe. Also, the traffic barriers make it feel like a crime scene or accident area.
- Sexual harassment - either experienced it or witnessed it.
- Was followed from a club to my bus stop, then had to get in a cab because they wouldn't leave.
- Sometimes there is palpable toxic masculinity in venues - some men stay on the margins of the dance floor and stare creepily at women dancing. I feel like an object sometimes, or worse like an animal being hunted.
- Some guy followed me for several blocks until I turned and headed towards the cops.
- Lived on Granville and Nelson for 2 months in the summer and of all the neighbourhoods I've lived in in Vancouver this was the most dissociative and sad place to live. Desperation from people due to homelessness is rampant. The police presence is frightening in itself on weekends. Having so many cop cars in their big intimidating vehicles and uniforms does not make residents nor patrons feel "safer". They are necessary for larger conflict but larger conflicts wouldn't arise with a safer atmosphere, which I have seen be provided through Harm reduction trained teams at events and festivals. The public (especially in a nightlife district) needs to be addressed with comradery and be supported by true public servants; not only an armed police force trained to authoritatively handle aggressive situations.
- Police seem to be there only to step in if violence occurs. It's dark out and everyone seems to only be trying (aggressively) to find someone to sleep with at the end of the night.

## Have you seen the Good Night Out Street Team out on Granville?

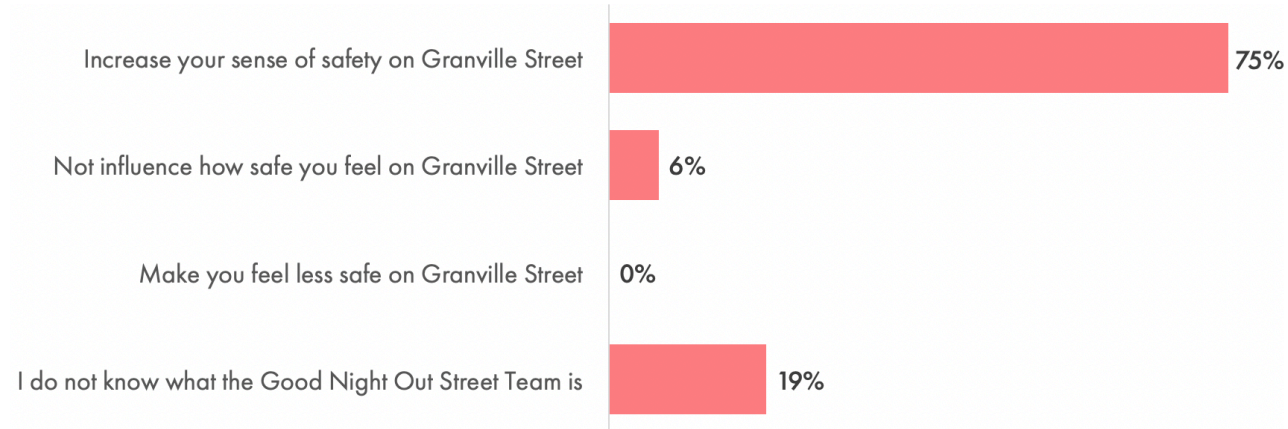
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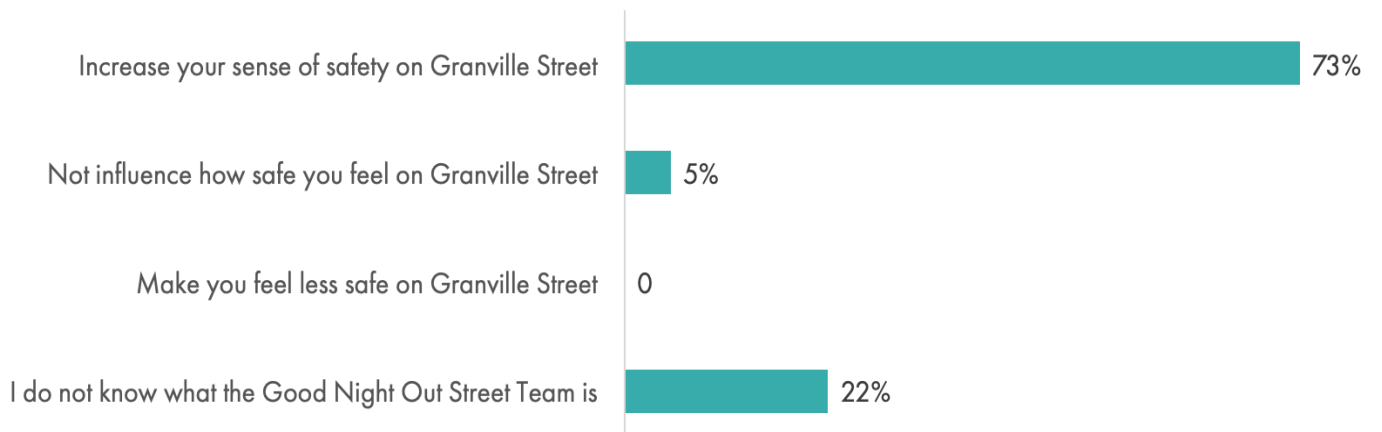
*This question was not asked in 2017*

If (or when) you saw the Good Night Out Street Team in the GED on the weekends, their presence would (or did):

2018:

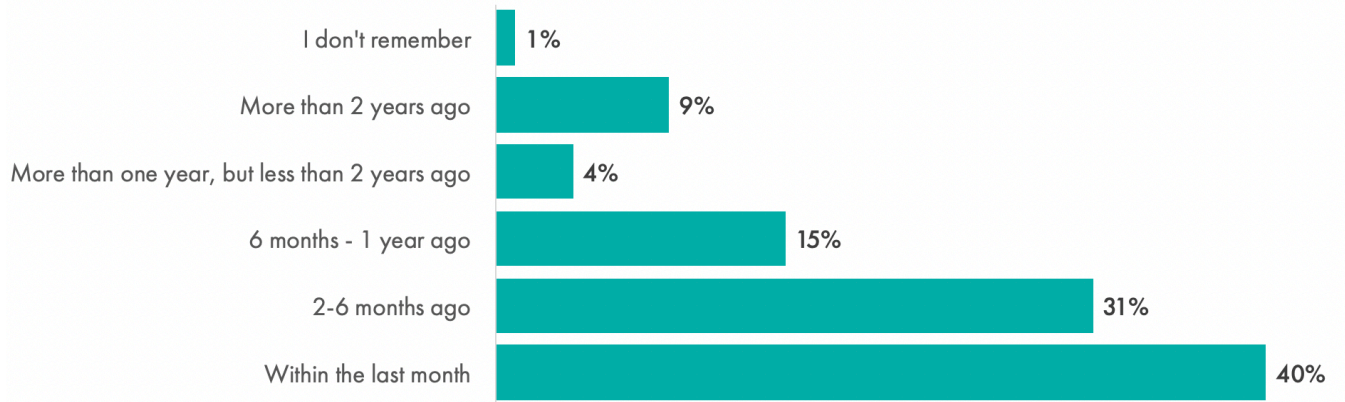


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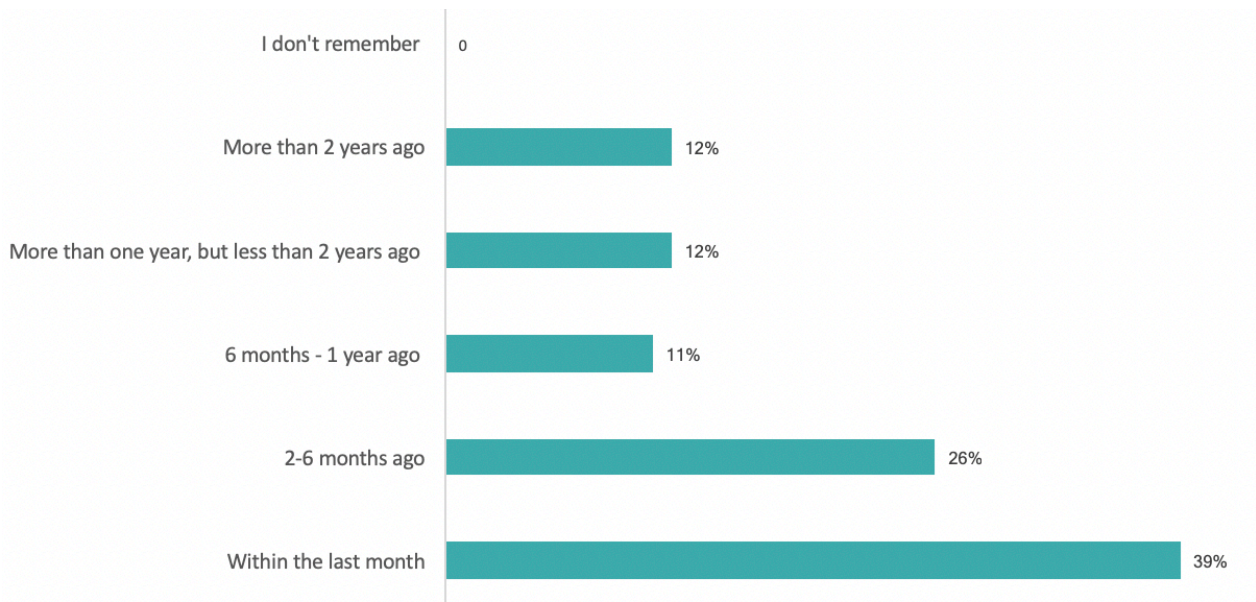


When was the last time you were in the Granville Entertainment District after 9pm on a weekend?

2018:



2017:



**Do you have any suggestions for improving safety in the Granville Entertainment District?**

31 Respondents provided suggestions to improve their sense of safety in the GED in the 2018 survey. The answers are below.

- I don't feel unsafe. I believe that feeling unsafe is a state of mind - I'm a small female and have not felt like I was going to be attacked or taken advantage of while downtown Vancouver - whether with friends or by myself.
- Make it mandatory that GNO be allowed to provide a formal evaluation of any venues " safe rating " and post it in the window just like a food safe certification. Any venue that refuses is an automatic " not safe space."
- Dismantle Granville Street as an entertainment district requiring all night clubs to be on the same street.
- It would be nice if venues had something like them inside during big shows/rowdy nights.
- More venues have covert ways for people in trouble to let the staff know about it so they can get help - order a certain drink meaning to get a staff member call police or get the person safely to a cab.
- Making sure women aren't alone.
- Change in energy- more lighting, more community presence (street team and police).
- Bouncers - doing better crowd control.
- I think having folks like the Good Night Out team and the positive message they have and the presence they have is great!
- We need initiatives like Good Night Out to keep women and gender variant folk safe xoxox keep up the amazing work
- Keep funding GNO because they can see and will pay attention to specific risks for women while police are looking for everything and there's a lot of stuff that goes on down there once the bars let out. Women need specific supports to ensure their safe.
- thank you for your service good night out. I read all your content and learn from it thank you so glad this exists it really is needed in this city and especially on Granville! thank you thank you!
- You all are doing great! Keep up the good work!
- More bouncer sensitivity training.
- Please keep increasing harm reduction and safety. GNO helped me get home safely and I'm so grateful.
- Curfew for men. Not kidding.
- Maybe stop serving young men (and women) alcohol until they are incoherently drunk and violent?
- As said above, I've been followed by someone from a club until I got into the cab, maybe offering to walk people to buses would be cool!

- Stagger when the bars let out, use less threat of violence (hello burly bouncers!) to police folks. Super late night transit or other safe ways to get home. Closing the streets and having better lighting now has been a good improvement.
- Lots of entertainment elsewhere in the city, I have avoided the strip unless attending a major show at Commodore etc. Good wishes to you all, a great thing you are doing.
- staggered closing times, friendlier vibes. More bars/restaurants with patios and late night happy hour vs clubs.
- I'm very thankful for the Good Night Out Team for making me and others feel safe. Working in the entertainment/nightlife industry, we need more harm prevention being actively practiced.
- Train bouncers and venue staff to recognize, intervene and prevent sexual harassment, creepy behaviour, leering, and most of all signs that women and non-binary folk look uncomfortable. Show them how to be approachable and receptive if we were to come forward with a report of harassment or if we want someone to be kicked out.
- Not at the moment.
- More street teams and people out and about, checking in with people. Honestly, I think you are doing amazing, important work!!
- Bring in more funding and resources for a permanent Granville Street team to be properly seen and supported and dignified as dutiful and honoured public servants for the local & international patrons of Vancouver's hub of nightlife and entertainment. The lasting impression of this district on visitors and locals alike is disgust. The heart of Vancouver is its downtown core, and it is the saddest place to be in the lower mainland. Having a street team to facilitate information and healthy interaction is a step towards upholding the value of what the heart of a city should be.
- More transportation options! Make SkyTrain 24 hrs on weekends!
- More presence along the strip.
- More visible GNO folx... maybe having bouncers wearing GNO t-shirts... after receiving training. So, mandated training for all entertainment establishments?
- Let more people know about the GNO street team services + cabs or introduce ride share for public safety.
- the city needs to enforce smoking rules to prevent congestion and an unhealthy environment for passerbys.
- Curfew for cis men starting at 10pm :)