

Rising to Ensure a Safe and Inclusive Vadodara for Women and Girls

Your safety, security and confidentiality will be taken care of!
Please answer the questions freely.

Survey Questionnaire

“Rising to Ensure a Safe and Inclusive Vadodara for Women/Girls” is a campaign initiated by Olakh to END SEXUAL HARRASSMENT AGAINST WOMEN/GIRLS. We define safety as life without fear - the ability of the women and girls to move freely without fear of sexual harassment.

SECTION : 1 General Information

Name of the Surveyor:		Lane/Spot: ____	Form No.:
Exact Location of Survey:		Contact No.:	+91-
Please specify which type of area/land use this refers to.			
1. Residential	2. Commercial	7. Other (Please specify)	
3. Industrial	4. Recreational		
5. Institutional	6. Transportation		

Interviewer: we believe that women and girls have right to move in public places without fear of sexual harassment. We are conducting this survey to take your opinion and know of your experience - Do you feel you can spend some time and answer the questions? Take their consent. If the respondent does not want to be part of the survey or is below the age of 16 then thank her and move ahead.

Name of Respondent:		Date:	/ /2015
Age: _____		Time:	: : am/pm

PLEASE TICK BOXES WHEREVER APPLICABLE AND ADD ORDER OF IMPORTANCE WHERE NECESSARY.

SECTION : 2 Area Specific Questions

1. Why are you in this lane/spot today?	Remarks
1. Live here	SHOW CARD – 1
2. Study	
3. Work	
4. Visiting/shopping	
5. Recreational/ hangout	6. Other (specify):

2. How long have you lived in or are familiar with this lane/spot?	Remarks
1. By Birth	SHOW CARD – 2
2. More than 5 years	
3. Less than 5 years	4. Just Visiting the city

3. How often have you been to this lane/spot in the last one year?	Remarks
1. Just once or rarely	SHOW CARD – 3
2. Once a Month	
3. Once a week	4. Daily

4. In your knowledge, does sexual harassment occur in this lane/Spot? (Please write exact location in lane/spot e.g. At Sayaji garden – behind museum)	Remarks
Yes	SHOW CARD – 4
No	
1.	2.

5. What kind of personal safety risk do you think women/girls face most in this lane/spot? (Mark all that apply)		Remarks
1. Sexual assault/rape	2. Sexual Harassment	SHOW CARD – 5
3. Acid attack	4. Violent physical attack	
5. Murder	6. Robbery	
7. Others (specify):		
Specific Incidents:		

6. A What kind of sexual Harassment do you think women/girls face most in this lane/spot? (Mark all that apply)		Remarks
1. Touching	2. Staring	If answer is none then skip to 8. SHOW CARD – 7
3. Stalking/Following	4. Whistling	
5. Leering	6. Flashing	
7. Verbal Comments	8. Others (specify):	
Specific Incidents:		

7. What time these incidents usually occur?			Remarks
1. 6 am to 9 am	2. 9 am to 1 pm	3. 1 pm to 4 pm	SHOW CARD – 9
4. 4 pm to 8 pm	5. 8 pm to 12 am	6. 12 am to 6 am	

8. Have you experienced or witnessed women/girls being harassed in this lane/spot?		Remarks
Yes	Type of Incidents:	SHOW CARD – 10
No	Exact Location:	

SECTION : 3 Questions Related to Physical Infrastructure/ Facilities & Amenities

PLEASE CONSIDER WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS MAKE WOMEN/GIRLS FEEL UNSAFE IN PUBLIC PLACES

9. Which of the following factors makes women/girls feel unsafe in public places?		Remarks
1. Poor lighting	2. No signage/poor signage	SHOW CARD – 11
3. Poor maintenance of public places	4. Lack of public transport: Auto stand/Bus stop private bus stops/Stations	
5. Lack of public toilets	6. Poorly designed & location of public toilets	
7. Lack of vendors or stalls	8. Lonely Places	
9. Other (specify)		

10. In which type of area/land use do women/girls feel unsafe?		Remarks
1. Residential	2. Commercial	SHOW CARD – 13
3. Residential and Commercial (Mix)	4. Industrial	
5. Recreational/parks/gardens	6. Institutional area	
7. Unused open land	8. Other (specify)	

11. In which type of transportation related places do women/girls feel unsafe?			Remarks
1. Bus stop	2. Auto rickshaw stand	3. Under the flyover	
4. On-street parking	5. Parking lot	6. Private bus stop	
Specify Reasons:			
			SHOW CARD – 15

12. In which type of building layouts do women/girls feel unsafe?		Remarks
1. High rise (above G+4)	2. Low rise (up to G+4)	
3. Pols	4. Bungalows/Tenements/Duplex	
5. Slums	6. Other (specify)	
Specify reasons with an example:		
		SHOW CARD – 19

13. Does difficulty in moving/walking due to some obstruction make women/girls feel unsafe?			Remarks
1. Continuous Compound walls	2. Obstacles in the way (dumpsters, bushes, electric poles, etc.)		
3. Non-continuous side-walks	4. Narrow side-walks		
5. Dead ends on roads	6. On Street parking		
7. Flyover	8. River/Canal	9. Other (specify)	SHOW CARD - 23
Specify reasons with an example:			

14. Which aspects regarding visual connection make women/girls feel unsafe?			Remarks
1. Blank Compound walls (>5 ft height)	2. Lack of windows, doors and balconies overlooking the street		
3. Very wide roads	5. Overgrown/ Dense plantation		
4. Large set back of buildings	6. Inadequate signage		
6. Inadequate signage	7. On Street Parking	8. Flyover	SHOW CARD - 31
Significant Example:			

15. Which aspects regarding lighting on the streets/roads make women/girls feel unsafe?		Remarks
1. Less number of poles	2. No lighting poles	
3. Poor maintenance	4. Less visibility	
Significant Example:		SHOW CARD - 38

16. Which aspects regarding intensity of activities contribute to women/ girls feeling unsafe?		Remarks
1. Lonely area/ few people	2. Few or no security people/police patrolling/station	
3. Crowded areas	4. Undesirable/ negative activities – drug abuse, petty crime, riot prone areas, ghetto, etc	
5. Diversity of use		
6. Other (Specify)		SHOW CARD - 39
Significant Example:		

17. Lack of which public facilities contributes to women/ girls feeling unsafe?		Remarks
1. Street furniture (benches, seats etc)	2. Public toilets	SHOW CARD - 41
3. Telephone booths	4. Access to public transport	
5. Sidewalks	6. Other (Specify)	
Significant Example:		

18. Do you avoid doing any of the following to avoid sexual harassment/assault?		Remarks
1. Stop going certain public spaces completely	2. Going out alone at all times	SHOW CARD-42
3. Using public transport	4. Going out alone after dark	
5. Going to crowded places	6. Going to lonely places	
7. Wearing certain clothes	8. Using public toilets	
9. Other (Specify):		

SECTION : 4 Personal Information

19. What is your highest level of education?		Remarks
1. Primary (up to 7 th std)	2. Secondary (up to 10 th std)	
3. Higher Secondary (up to 12 th std)	4. Study Ongoing (Specify _____)	
5. College Completed	6. None of above	

20. Employment:	1. Employed	2. Self – employed	3. Unemployed
21. Profession :			

22. Which of the following best describes your monthly household income?		Remarks
1. Below 5,000	2. 5,000 to 15,000	
3. 15,000 to 30,000	4. 30,000 to 50,000	
5. Above 50,000	6. None of above	

23. How do you usually travel?					Remarks
1. Walking	2. 2-Wheeler/ Bicycle	3. 3-Wheeler (Rickshaw – sharing/ special)	4. 4 Wheeler (Car)	5. Public Transport	

SECTION : 4A Personal Questions related to Sexual Harassment

24. What kind(s) of sexual harassment/assault have you personally faced in public places in this lane/area? (circle all that apply)		Remarks
1. Verbal (Comments, Whistling etc)	2. Visual (Staring, Leering)	SHOW CARD-44
3. Physical (Touching, Feeling up)	4. Flashing	
5. Stalking	6. Violent physical attack	
7. Sexual assault or rape		
8. Other (Specify):		

25A. Do you remember any of the following details about the Perpetrator?		SHOW CARD-46
1. Individual	2. Group	
3. Both	4. Don't remember	
5. Other (Specify):		
Do you remember age of the Perpetrator?		
1. Below 16 yrs	2. 17-30 yrs	
3. 30-45 yrs	4. 45 yrs & above	
5. Don't remember	6. Other (Specify):	

25B. What did you do When you were sexually harassed/assaulted?		Remarks
1. Asked bystanders for help	2. Reported it on a helpline/to another service	SHOW CARD-47
3. Told/asked for help from family	4. Other(Specify):	

26. Do you face any difficulties in approaching the police? (Encircle all that apply)		Remarks
1. They would blame me for the incident	2. They will minimize/trivialize it	SHOW CARD-48
3. Afraid to approach	4. The process is too tedious	
5. They will not do anything	6. This may reflect on me and my family	
7. They will merely record the incident and not take further action	8. Other (Specify):	
Significant Experience		

27. Do you talk to your parents and other family members about sexual harassment you have faced?		Remarks
a.) Yes	b.) No	SHOW CARD-50
What was their reaction?	Why not?	
1. Reacted strongly and restricted my mobility	1. I think they would have reacted strongly and gotten worried	
2. Had discussions on how to deal with such situations	2. They will restrict my mobility	
3. Other (specify):	3. They cannot help as I have to handle this myself	
Significant Experience		

28. Have you witnessed other women/girls being harassed in public places?		Remarks
a.) Yes	b.) No	SHOW CARD-52
If yes, what was your reaction on that?		
1. Support the victim	2. Get public support	
3. Calling the police	4. Prefer not to get involved	
5. Other (Specify):		
Significant Experience		

SECTION : 5 Suggestions for Improvement

29. What kind of improvements do you think this area needs for solving problems immediately? Please give options in order of importance.		Remarks
1. Increase vigilance/policing	2. Maintenance/improvement of public places	SHOW CARD-54
3. Provide adequate facilities and amenities	4. Improve lighting	
5. Proper location of bus/railway stops	6. Formulate appropriate policies and guidelines for design and planning of public places	
7. Create /provide 'women only' facilities/places		
8. Increase physical and visual accessibility	9. Other (Specify)	

30. Who do you think is responsible for improving safety?		Remarks
1. Individuals themselves	2. Their Family	Order of importance in Number. SHOW CARD-56
3. General Public	4. Police	
5. Local Authorities	6. Other (Specify)	

Name other areas/locations (be specific) in Vadodara that you consider to be unsafe:

When and where are you frightened to go out?

What practical tips would you like to share with other women and girls to cope with sexual harassment?

Your important suggestions for improvements required to make the city safe:

Are you willing to participate in the Campaign and Events?	Yes	No
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If yes, please share your Contact no: +91 -	Email id:
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Disclaimer:

THANK YOU!
Better to be safe than worry.

Surveyor's Comments and Experience/ Observation/Important points:

Supervised by:

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