

Local Issues Survey Results

HIGHLIGHTS (VLD)

Safety Concerns?

51% -Lighting

(Areas: Near Arboretum, Bill McDonald before Ferry Ave, Residential trails near Farihaven and BT, Between BT and Birnam Wood)

12% -Parking

Not enough parking, not enough safe places to park

Other Responses:

Late Night Bus Shuttle inaccessible, need more corsswalks, mold

Do you understand your lease?

29% -No

24%- Yes

15%- OK/Somewhat

Renting Experience?

20% -Trouble with Landlords

Not listening to concerns, difficult to contact, not getting deposit back

16%- Hard to Find Affordable Rent

Other Responses:

Trouble narrowing down options (researching rentals), hard to find month-to-month rentals

Most Pressing Issue Facing Students in Bellingham?

33%- Tuition/Student Loans

13%- High Rent

8%- Predatory Landlords

7%-Homelessness

5%- Sexual Assault/Rape Culture

5%- Transportation/Safety

3%- Finding a job

Transportation Experience?

16%- Parking Problems

Hard to park near campus, expensive to pay to park

13%- Buses need more routes

Need stop at the Daycare Center (CDC), faster runs to Bellis Fair/ Sunset

6%- Afraid to Bike

34%- Like the Bus system



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HIGHLIGHTS (ONLINE)

Do you feel included and informed regarding events in Bellingham?

58% Some of the Time
22% Most of the Time

Do you understand your lease?

59% Yes
13% No

Do you feel comfortable approaching your landlord with:

Pests (50% said yes)
Neighbor Problems (43%)
Rent (50%)
Maintenance (55%)
Mold/Unsafe Living Conditions (45%)

Do you know what your neighborhood is called?

67% Yes
15% No

Have you had a positive relationship with your landlord?

24% Neutral
16% Extremely Positive
19% Somewhat Positive
12% Somewhat Negative
5% Extremely Negative

Most Pressing Issue Facing Students in Bellingham?

Getting taken advantage of by landlords (4)

Not enough affordable housing (3)

Good transportation

Learning how to rent and communicate with landlords

Finding a job

Tuition/Student Debt

Racism

Getting security Deposit Back

