Curtin University



NATIONAL STUDENT SAFETY SURVEY

PREVALENCE IN A UNIVERSITY CONTEXT

Sexual harassment

15.6% since starting university 9.2% in the past 12 months **Experiences of sexual harassment** in the past 12 months: Female 12.1% Male **4.7**%* Differently-described gender 20.6%*

Sexual assault



Relative standard errors (RSE) were calculated for survey estimates. If the RSE was above 50% or there were no respondents to an item an ** appears meaning the estimate is unreliable and not reportable. Differently described gender includes students whose gender identity was not classified as female or male. Gender identity was derived using the 'two-step method' of cross-classifying responses to sex assigned at birth and current gender. Context of most impactful incident. Students who had been sexually harassed in a university context were asked questions about the context of the most impactful (or significant) incident they had experienced. This incident was self-identified by the student

CONTEXT OF MOST IMPACTFUL INCIDENT

Sexual harassment

Location

General campus areas

46.7%

University library

16.2%

University lecture theatres, computer labs

16.1%

Perpetrator



knew some or all of the perpetrators involved

Asked of students who experienced sexual harassment in an Australian university context

REPORTING AND SUPPORT SEEKING

Formal complaints made to the university



of students who were sexually harassed made a formal complaint

Seeking support from the university



of students who were sexually harassed sought support or assistance

Asked of students who experienced sexual harassment in an Australian university context

Knowledge of university support and reporting channels



know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual harassment



know nothing or very little about where to go to make a complaint about sexual assault



know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for harassment



know nothing or very little about where to seek support or assistance for assault

Asked of all students