

Local Issues VLD Survey Responses:

61 total responses

Do you experience any safety concerns where you live in Bellingham?

- **Lighting, makes it unsafe at night 31**

- On campus 2
- York district
- Garden St
- Near North Campus roads
- Arb 2
- N State st.
- Pine St Park
- Bill McDonald before Ferry Ave
- Residential trails off Bill McDonald 2
- Trails by Fairhaven and BT
- Between BT and Birnam Wood

- No clear walking paths to apartment complex

- Loitering Downtown

- Black Mold

- Landlord entering apartment without notice

- Lack of proper fencing

- More Crosswalks with flashing lights

- **Not enough parking 7**

- Safe parking (break ins)

- Late Night Bus shuttle more accessible 2

- Bike Safety

- Police Blocking High St

- Bad Drivers

- **No 11**

- But know others who have

Have you had a positive renting experience (finding a rental, dealing with landlords, maintenance, affordable rent, other)?

- **Trouble with landlords 12**

- Not listening to concerns 5 (Mold)
- Difficult to communicate with 2
- Not getting deposit back 5

- **Hard to find affordable rent 10**

- Hard to find Month-to-month rentals

- Hard to find rentals between July and December

- Trouble narrowing down rental options 2

- Average 3

- **No (and did not elaborate) 6**

- **Yes 12**

Do you feel confident in your understanding of your lease and rights as a tenant?

- **No 18**
- **Yes 15**
- OK/Somewhat 9
- Yes, but feel like rights aren't respected 2

Have you had a positive transportation experience in Bellingham?

- **Parking Problems 10**
 - Hard to get near or on campus 2
 - In general
 - Expensive
- Afraid to bike/Bad Biking Infrastructure 4
- **Like Bus system 21**
- Like free parking during holidays
- **Yes 28**
- Poorly lit bus stops
- **Some routes don't run as often as they should 8**
 - More busses more often
 - Need stop at Daycare Center CDC
 - Faster runs to Beilis Fair/Sunset 2
- Like the WWU Shuttle 2
- Late Night bus should be easier to understand

What do you think is the most pressing problem facing students in Bellingham?

- **Predatory Landlords 5**
- **High Rent 8**
- Cost of transportation
- Terrible living conditions
- Students don't know rights 2
- **Tuition/Student Loans 20**
- Need new president of the college
- Overcrowded busses
- Finding a job 2
- Sex education
- Lake Whatcom Water Quality Issues
- Academic Advising
- Homelessness 4
- Ignorance
- Balancing work with school (school and partying)
- Race Based Threats
- Underrepresentation of Students of Color/Ability
- Access to mental health services
- Rape Culture/Sexual Assaults 2

- Rental Issues
- Coal Trains
- Night time transportation/safety 3
- Adapting to college life
- Addressing Student Social Issues
- Lighting
- Lack of academic incentive
- Community interaction 2
- Peeping Tom
- Financial advising