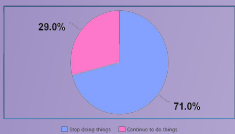


## Background

- I researched the safety precautions taken by women.
- Why do women feel scared when walking alone in the dark?
- "71% of women don't do things they want to do to fear of victimization"(Runyan, 2007)
- "In a given school year, 58 percent of 7th-12th graders experience sexual harassment"(Gordon 2014)

Percentage of women that do vs. don't do things due to fear of victimization



## Significance

- This affects the mental health of teenagers
- Prevents some from living life to the fullest
- Women feel the need to be fearful anywhere they go because of the possible risk of victimization.
- There are not many free resources to help women feel safer
- This is an thing that women struggle with everyday

## Conclusions and Analysis

- With my data I am able to conclude that girls at Palo Alto High School are twice as likely than boys to feel unsafe in a given situation
- In my data it shows that boys answered they felt safe to the question "At night, how safe do you feel walking alone?" 16 times compared to the girls who answered they felt safe 3 times
- To the question, "What about walking with your friends at night?", girls answered they felt safe 6 times compared to the boys who said they felt safe 18 times

## How do High School girls in Palo Alto perceive their safety?



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## Methodologies

- **Descriptive Research**
  - The data I gathered was how boys and girls perceive their safety
- **Action research**
  - I asked students if they think giving out "safety sacks will help
- **Survey**
  - I handed out a survey that asked both boys and girls about how safe they feel doing certain things
- **Descriptive statistics**
  - I will be using descriptive statistics to analyze my findings and summarize what the numbers mean and how it is significant

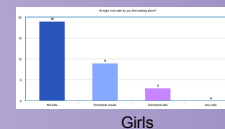
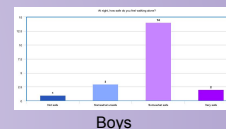
## Implications and next steps

- In the survey I conducted I asked "Would it be helpful to have resources at paly to help you feel more safe?"
- 38 out of 40 people that responded said yes.
- My next step will be to try and have somewhere that girls and boys can go to, to receive free tools to help keep them safe
- Whether it is a bright flashlight, or a pH paper so people can test their drinks for drugs.
- If there are free resources given to girls then hopefully they will feel more safe, and not be burdened by the fear that something might happen to them when they leave their house

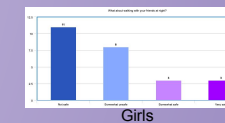
## Data and findings

- I asked these questions to students at palo alto high school
  - At night, how safe do you feel walking alone?
  - What about walking with your friends at night?
  - How safe do you feel at a party with people under the influence of drugs and alcohol?
  - How safe do you feel at school on a daily basis?
  - How safe do you feel at a high school party with no drugs and alcohol?
  - How comfortable do you feel being alone with a guy friend?
  - How comfortable do you feel being alone with a male who is not your friend?
  - What gender do you consider yourself?
  - Would it be helpful to have resources at paly to help you feel more safe?

- Below is a graph of the answers from the question "At night, how safe do you feel walking alone?"



- Below is a graph of the answers from the question "What about walking with your friends at night?"



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