

National Security Study

What is your experience?

The government has commissioned the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) to conduct a survey on people's experience of security and vulnerability to crime. Your experience and that of others form an important base in our efforts to increase security, to reduce crime and to develop the judicial system.

THE PROCEDURE

The survey will be conducted by Statistics Sweden (SCB), which will turn over the responses to the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå). An interviewer from SCB will soon contact you for a **phone interview**, which is estimated to take approximately 15 minutes. It is good if you can respond to the questions in peace and quiet. If necessary, you and the interviewer can agree on conducting the interview on a later occasion and, if you wish, at another phone number.

WHY YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED

You are one of approximately 20 000 people in Sweden between the ages of 15–79 years, who have been randomly selected to participate in this year's survey. The responses will be compiled in statistics and the statistics give a picture of the situation in the country.

Your participation is **voluntary**, but it is important that you participate to give a fair picture of the situation in the country. Your responses cannot be replaced by those of anyone else.

Some examples of questions asked during the interview are: *How secure or insecure do you feel if you go out alone in the evening in the area where you live? Has anyone broken into your home in the past year to steal something? Do you have confidence in the police?*

Your responses are protected by secrecy (see back page). The gathered information will be reported in tables and diagrams compiled from thousands of other responses, where no one can see your individual answers.

If you are the victim of crime and need someone to talk to about your experience, you can call the Swedish Association for Victim Support (Brottsofferjouren) hotline at 0200–21 20 19 or the national helpline for women subjected to threats or violence (Kvinnofridslinjen) at 020–50 50 50.

Sincerely yours,



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PLEASE CONTACT US

If you have any questions about the survey or wish to leave a message, please call or write to SCB. Direct phone 010–479 66 91. E-mail: NTU2017@scb.se, Postal address: SCB, Nationella trygghetsundersökningen, 701 89 Örebro.

Please contact SCB for information in other languages or visit www.scb.se/trygg

PROTECTION OF YOUR INFORMATION

To ensure that the interview is as brief as possible, we will use the following data from the Statistics Sweden register: city of residence, neighbourhood, marital status, most recent year of immigration, country of origin, country of origin of your parents, educational level, occupation, income, social allowance and introduction allowance for immigrants. When you participate in the survey, you will also give your permission for the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention to obtain your personal identity number. The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention needs your personal identity number to enable sampling for ethically approved research projects within the framework of national crime and safety surveys.

The responses that you provide in the interview and information from the SCB register are privileged information protected by the Official Secrets Act (2009:400). Statistics secrecy according to Chap. 24 Section 8 of the Official Secrets Act means that personnel at SCB and Brå who work with the survey are governed by directives concerning handling secrecy and professional secrecy. In addition to Brå, the survey material may be analyzed by external researchers and government authorities with responsibility for statistics. Such research and statistical activities are also covered by statistics secrecy and this requires that the research has been authorized through an external ethics test.

Brå will compile statistics from your responses with those of all the other participants in the survey. These statistics will be published in tables, diagrams and texts that describe the statistics. No one will ever be able to see what you have responded. The results of the survey will be published in reports and on Brå's website www.bra.se.

Brå and SCB are responsible for the information you provide and the survey is protected by the Personal Data Act (1998:204). The act is intended to protect you and your integrity and places demands on Brå and SCB as government authorities. When you respond to the questions in the interview, you also consent to participating in this survey.

If you have questions or would like to know more about the survey, or want to have an extract of your data used in the survey, write to the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention; Brottsförebyggande rådet, Nationella trygghetsundersökningen, Box 1386, 111 93 Stockholm.

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) is an agency under the Swedish government. Brå conducts research to obtain new knowledge about criminality and crime prevention efforts. Brå also produces Sweden's official crime statistics.