

CAPA NoVA Community Safety Survey

Survey Period: April 6-8, 2021

Executive Summary

With the rising anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents and the increasing anxiety and concerns around safety in our community, the Chinese American Parents Association of Northern Virginia (CAPA NoVA) will sponsor a virtual Safety Seminar session provided by the local Police Department officer at 6-7pm Friday April 9th, 2021.

On April 6-8, CAPA NoVA conducted a pre-seminar safety survey of our community and compiled the survey responses in the sections below. In summary, we noted the following:

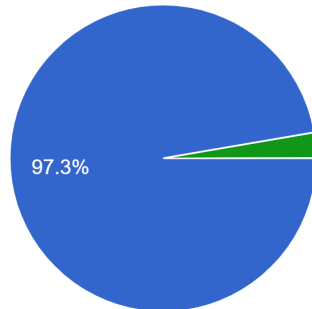
1. The majority of the survey responses expressed precautions or moderate concerns around safety in their neighborhood (see Survey Question 2 below for details)
2. Many members experienced anti-Asian racial prejudice incidents recently (Question 3) and asked for more law enforcement actions in the following areas to ensure community safety (see Question 4 for details)
 - Increase police patrol on public areas
 - Faster police response and more fair law justice; timely tracking, reporting and resolving hate crimes
 - Install more community security cameras e.g. campus, parks and play fields
 - Provide more safety training and education to the community
3. The majority of our community have not had recent safety trainings (Question 5) and can benefit from the following safety topics to increase awareness and protections (see Question 6 for details)
 - How to react to protect ourselves and the others in hate crimes?
 - Self defense skills and related legal information (e.g. how to use self defense pepper spray and/or weapons legally and effectively)
 - Safety training and tips offered to students at school
 - More legislation and enforcement to deter Asian hate crimes
4. Our community members ask CAPA NoVA to increase safety awareness and learnings and work with the local law enforcements and the other authorities to increase safety protections and build safer neighborhoods

Please reach out to CAPA NoVA via email (team@capanova.org) for any questions on this survey report.

Detailed Survey Results

1. Which county do you live?

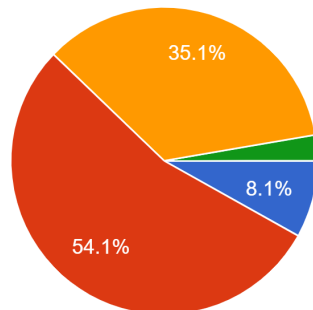
37 responses



- Fairfax County
- Arlington County
- Loudoun County
- Prince William County
- Other Northern Virginia (NoVA Other) or Outside of NoVA

2. How do you feel about the safety in your local areas?

37 responses



- Safe, no concerns at all
- Relatively safe, with precautions
- Moderately concerned, hope to learn more safety information and see more protection actions taken by the police
- Not safe, requiring immediate police/law enforcement interventions

3. Have you or your family members experienced any racial prejudice and/or attacks over the past year? Please provide your answer below, with a brief description and location of any incidents

Responses: Many members noted their recent incidents/experiences below:

Last spring, a neighbor ranted to me over the fence, for quite a while I was doing yard work. I never even saw him before.

My kids got bully at school. Other kids said their eyes are small and they learn Chinese which probably should not be learning:-)

There appeared graffiti probably by the gang a few months ago for the Fair Chase Community for the first time in the past 20 years. The community has a Neighborhood website now to watch out for each other.

My son is a TJ student, we constantly get messages saying there are too much Asians at the school, his India American friends are not the “right” brown that the school wanted to have. Diversity is good to have, discrimination is virus and infectious.

Several times in the grocery stores (about the only place I go to in the past year) people asked me whether I am from China. Never happend before the pandemic.

A few months when I took my son to his swimming lesson, a guy asked me to move out of his way and said “You guys are too much” in an angry tone to convict Asians

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Not in the past year as staying inside most of the time and having minimized interaction with other people.

Been yelled at by others @ Alexandria Lowe's

Not really, but I'm concerned about recent incidents on the news.

No severe incidents. But have had a few experiences as people avoiding me when the pandemic was at its worst.

4. In your opinion, what additional safety actions should the police take to make you feel safe?

Responses:

- More patrols around schools.
- More police patrol in the community or cameras in the community
- Police patrol in neighborhoods
- More community cameras if allowed by budget
- Easy find help
- Set up cameras in public places like parks or soccer fields.
- More police patrols
- Response to emergency calls, investigate the situation fairly
- Some tactics to emergent violence
- More education and training for community, increase patrols in neighborhoods
- Respond faster
- Increase police patrols around the schools and neighborhoods; enhance and enforce law enforcement actions against racial attacks
- More security cameras installed in public area

- Show support for Asians and Asian communities
- Patrol more on the public areas, such as park parking, shopping malls, and schools.
- Community awareness and engagement in combatting and eradicating racial discrimination, attacks or violence; improving the system of reporting and tracking cases of verbal and physical attacks; taking firm and immediate actions on identified hatred-related cases.
- More patrol from police department, if possible
- Show care and kindness towards Asian community and educate common people to do the same
- Patrolling around school and community more
- Police should always be available when needed, and arrive on time when crime is reported. I hope police can treat Asian citizens in fair manner, in color blind fashion.
- More cameras to monitor surroundings
- Publish local reports to public about hate crime against Asian to help people notice the risk
- Community outreach and public education; bring broad awareness of anti-Asian crimes and reporting channels; enforce proper discipline
- Any hotline besides non emergency 703-691-2131 to report any hate related incidents
- Punish criminals as they are criminals; increase public camera surveillance and police presents.
- provide self defense training
- More patrol and surveillance.
- Add more patrol in the street, school and community
- More patrols in the neighborhood
- More police presence in public areas. Investigate and solve hate crimes promptly and inform the public the outcome.

**5. Have you or your family members attended any safety trainings or seminars before?
Please provide your answer below, with a brief description of the training/seminar attended**

Responses: Almost all members (except for a couple of people) have not had any recent safety trainings

6. What are the most concerning safety topics to you and your family members?

Responses:

- How to protest ourselves and help others when facing hate crimes.
- Asian hate crimes. How to prevent being attacked with no preparation, how to live a life with no fear
- Safety on public transportation
- Attack against Asians/Asian Americans
- How to self defense and protect our elderlies and kids in attacks and assaults. What can we do to help others if we witness someone being attacked.
- How to react in a hate-crime situation? What self defense weapons should we carry and when to use them legally and effectively?
- How to protect ourselves during traveling.
- Social unrests
- Defund police campaign
- Self-defense seminars; timing tracking and reporting of racial incidents; safety knowledge and resources
- Too hard to arrest criminals but too easy to release them
- How to deal with racism
- The big concern is to not have anyone's help when being insulted or even physically attacked even if people are around and witness. Does VA's law encourage people to use any force to help out in addition to videotape, which is important as well.
- Hate crimes, burglaries, mass shooting
- Violent activity on street
- What we should do if attacked, such as in a parking lot, in a shop, in a train station, or on the street.
- Sudden attack on the street: 1. When someone break in the house; 2. be attacked in the public (physically or verbally) by racist
- Self defense
- Hit by car on purpose
- Recommend various safety gadgets that can protect self and family members while outside or at home.
- Hate crimes, verbal or physical
- Possible to bring it into school to teach kids safety tips?
- Home invasion, bullying and racial discrimination violence
- Robbery
- The violence and attack against Asian Americans. Need more legislation to ensure the safety of our fellow Asian citizens.
- School bullying. Violent attack, verbal assault

- Anti-Asian cases on the rise.
- What can we do to ensure a safer environment for Asian people including children?
- Self/family protection
 1. What should we do in the event of an unexpected physical attack? Should we carry pepper spray around and what are the protocols of carrying pepper spray or concealed weapons for protection?
 2. In the event of becoming the target of a hate crime, in addition to calling 911 if needed, where should we report it afterwards? Is there a separate task force within the Police Department to handle it.
- Internet safety concerns; tools can be used by female under emergency
- How to protect ourselves in a situation of hate crime.

7. What should CAPA NoVA focus on in our advocacy efforts to improve community safety?

Responses:

- Following up on past incidents and keep regular communication with law enforcements and FCPS
- Community wide education on positive contributions and of the Asian community to the country
- Raise awareness.
- Urge Fcps and county to take necessary actions
- Everyone should know clearly the steps to do when encountered a hate crime situation.
- Education systems
- Get people organized and informed
- Increase police funding
- Work with the police to enhance safety
- Law and order
- Raise awareness to and get support from the general public of all races.
- Is it possible to communicate any hate crime or incidents by email distribution or WeChat communication?
- You've done a great job. Thank you for all the efforts. Would like to attend more safety-related training or workshops in the near future. Thanks!
- This kind of seminar is very good, thank you!
- Raise awareness. CAPA Nova has done a great job so far. Thank you all.
- Educate people about Asian Americans and spread the love to build a better image of Asian Americans in general.

- Stop Asian Hate
- Provide resources for self protection
- Community outreach and public education
- Hold government officials and elected officials accountable for their racial discriminative messages. Increases police present
- Info sharing, training
- School bullying as an outcome of the pandemic.
- Invite more police officers for seminars. Offering self defense classes for youth and women.
- Community outreach and speak out.
- Information sharing, community building
 - 1. Educate the community on self protecting ourselves
 - 2. Forming alliance with local police department - seeking assistance from them and at the same time providing support to them. For instance raise funds for Police Department.
- Inform and organize parents to be more prepared for increased hate crime incidents.