

# El Camino College

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## ***Student and Employee Drug and Alcohol Survey Fall 2009***

A periodic survey of students and workforce is required by the U.S. Department of Education at all colleges and universities receiving financial aid support. Survey questions cover topics such as tobacco, alcohol and drug use, potential problems with drugs and alcohol, and awareness of, and interest in, support services.

### **Survey Result Highlights – Part 1**

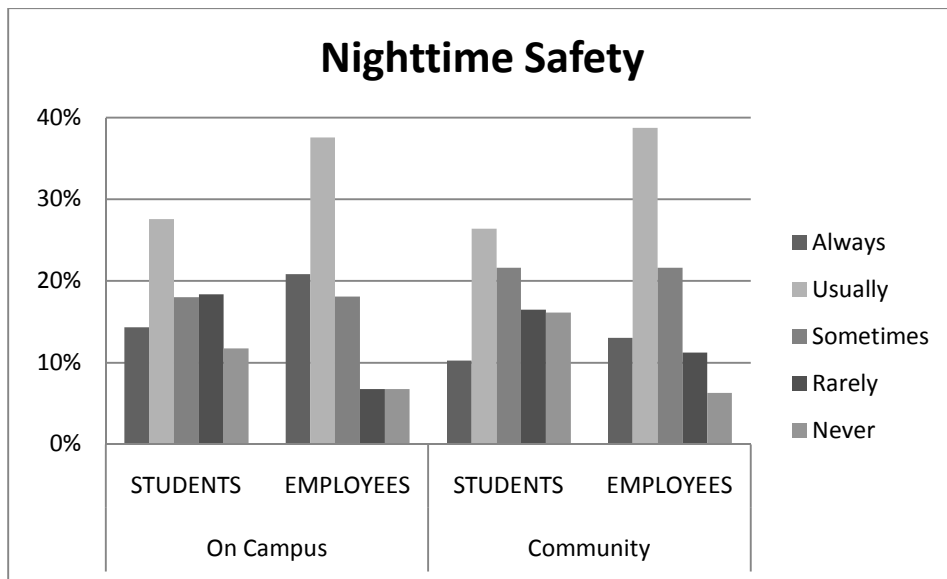
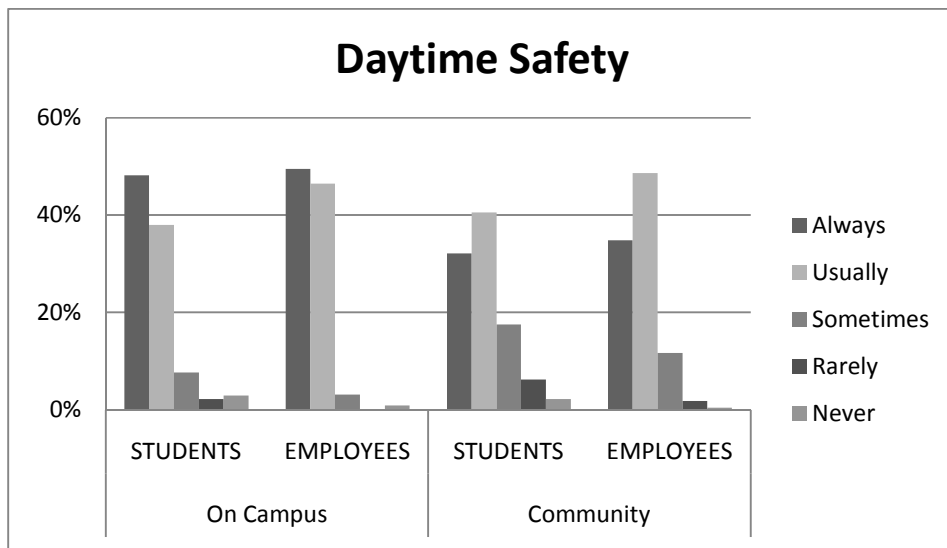
#### ***Written Code of Conduct***

1. The vast majority of students (80%) surveyed were aware of a written standard of student conduct at El Camino College, although only about 36% of students own a copy of the college catalog in which the standards are written. [Beginning in Winter/Spring 2010, the *Standards of Student Conduct* are also published in the Schedule of Classes.]
2. Less than half (47%) of employees stated that they had received a written copy of faculty/staff standards of conduct involving drugs and alcohol on campus; this document is distributed to all new employees.
3. Two-thirds to three-fourths of students knew standards cover alcohol, controlled substances and weapons/explosives (while about 70-80% of employees knew this). The lowest awareness involved possession of alcohol and being under the influence on campus.
4. Regarding smoking, only half of students knew that the policy covered restrictions on smoking; only 44% of employees reported being aware of this.
5. A minority of employees indicated awareness of receiving information on the effects of drugs and alcohol (36% aware) and the Board Policy on Drug-Free Environment and Prevention Program (45%)—these documents are given to newly hired employees. However, over 63% were aware of available services to help work through personal problems such as misuse of alcohol or drugs, for example the Employee Assistance Service for Education (EASE).

Written Code of Conduct includes:	Yes	
	Student	Employee
Smoking	50%	44%
Use of Alcohol on Campus	70%	79%
Possession of Alcohol on Campus	66%	79%
Possession of Controlled Substance	75%	78%
Being Under the Influence	66%	72%
Sale of Controlled Substance	74%	76%
Weapons or Explosives	74%	82%
I was aware of standards of conduct (students only)	80%	
I received standards of conduct (employees only)		47%

## Personal Safety/Crime Prevention

1. With regard to safety, more students feel safe on campus than they do in the surrounding community. During the day time, about 48% of students said they always feel safe on campus compared to 32% who feel safe within the community at the same time of day. Those reporting feeling “always” or “usually” safe during the daytime are 86% and 73% on campus and in the community, respectively.
2. At night, perceptions of safety drop with 30% and 33% of students stating that they “rarely” or “never” feel safe on campus or in the community, respectively.
3. Employees feel about the same level of “always” safe as students (50%) on campus during weekdays but nearly all employees (96%) feel safe on campus always or usually during these times.
4. Employees are much more likely than students to feel safe at night, with about 58% of employees feeling always or usually safe on campus (compared to 42% of students).
5. The employee survey also asked about weekend safety (chart available in main report). Over two-thirds (65%) reported feeling always or usually safe on campus during weekends.



A summary of drug and alcohol use and other perceptions are found in *Survey Highlights – Part 2*.