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Sudanese people, they like to walk in groups

You can walk out from the train station and you meet someone that you know and you talk to that person and, before you know it there will be another person who was on the train, and then there will be three or four of you.

So now you'll be walking in a group of four or five.

It's very dark and they'll be five people there.

You go into the fear mode thinking "OK - well this is not safe for me I better get out."

And we'll be loud and people will maybe think "OK - well these people are dangerous, they big boys, tall, loud, um, that's a recipe for disaster."

Here in Australia when you walk in a large group then you are perceived as a gang. Organised people who would like to commit crime but in our culture, it is not that.

We're always loud and that's one of things that make people think violence because when you're loud in Australia you're violent.

We have this thing, not one person is speaking at the same time so we get two or three people talking - so you try to raise your voice so you can speak over the other two people who are talking or the other person who is talking. But, yeah, it's just something all of us do.

It's so normal to us. We walk in a big group - sometimes twenty people.

People we will always eat together, people walk together, people share everything together - um - your cousins, your family, your friends, all these people.

Most of the time, there's nothing planned and you walk in a large group - it just happened, all of you happened to be there at the same time..

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