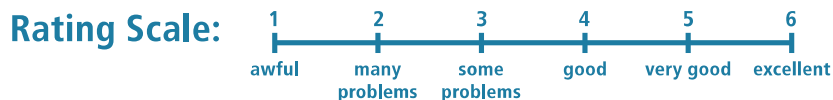


Take a walk and use this checklist to rate your neighborhood's walkability.

How walkable is your community?

Location of walk _____



1. Did you have room to walk?

- Yes Some problems:
- Sidewalks or paths started and stopped
 - Sidewalks were broken or cracked
 - Sidewalks were blocked with poles, signs, shrubbery, dumpsters, etc.
 - No sidewalks, paths, or shoulders
 - Too much traffic
 - Something else _____
- Locations of problems: _____

Rating: (circle one) _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 _____

4. Was it easy to follow safety rules?

Could you and your child...

- Yes No Cross at crosswalks or where you could see and be seen by drivers?
- Yes No Stop and look left, right and then left again before crossing streets?
- Yes No Walk on sidewalks or shoulders facing traffic where there were no sidewalks?
- Yes No Cross with the light?
- Locations of problems: _____

Rating: (circle one) _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 _____

2. Was it easy to cross streets?

- Yes Some problems:
- Road was too wide
 - Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
 - Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
 - Parked cars blocked our view of traffic
 - Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
 - Needed curb ramps or ramps needed repair
 - Something else _____
- Locations of problems: _____

Rating: (circle one) _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 _____

5. Was your walk pleasant?

- Yes Some unpleasant things:
- Needed more grass, flowers, or trees
 - Scary dogs
 - Scary people
 - Not well lighted
 - Dirty, lots of litter or trash
 - Dirty air due to automobile exhaust
 - Something else _____
- Locations of problems: _____

Rating: (circle one) _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 _____

3. Did drivers behave well?

- Yes Some problems: Drivers...
- Backed out of driveways without looking
 - Did not yield to people crossing the street
 - Turned into people crossing the street
 - Drove too fast
 - Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
 - Something else _____
- Locations of problems: _____

Rating: (circle one) _____
1 2 3 4 5 6 _____

How does your neighborhood stack up? Add up your ratings and decide.

1. _____ **26-30** Celebrate! You have a great neighborhood for walking.
2. _____
3. _____ **21-25** Celebrate a little. Your neighborhood is pretty good.
4. _____
5. _____ **16-20** Okay, but it needs work.
- 11-15** It needs lots of work. You deserve better than that.
- Total** _____ **5-10** It's a disaster for walking!

Now that you've identified the problems,
go to the next page to find out how to fix them.

Sidewalks, Streets and Crossings

**SINGLE-LOCATION
AUDIT**

Community Name: _____

Location/Street Name(s): _____

Audit date: _____ Start time: _____ AM | PM End time: _____ AM | PM

Posted speed limit(s): _____ Do the motorists appear to be obeying the speed limit(s)? _____

Total number of vehicle lanes: _____ The street is: one-way | two-way

If more than one lane: Does the roadway have a median and/or a pedestrian island?

The street has: no sidewalk no sidewalk but needs one no sidewalk but needs two
 partial sidewalks a sidewalk on one side of the street sidewalks on both sides of the street

YES | NO | OTHER Skip any statements that don't apply

THE SIDEWALK:

- 1. Is separated from the street by a barrier or buffer (a curb, grass, landscaping)
- 2. Is surfaced with a material that is smooth and consistent (e.g., asphalt rather than bricks)
- 3. Is in good condition, without cracks or raised sections
- 4. Is free of obstacles (hydrants, utility poles, overgrown landscaping, trash receptacles)
- 5. Is free of interruptions from driveways (such as to/from homes, parking lots, etc.)
- 6. Is continuous (no segments are missing) and complete (it doesn't randomly end)
- 7. Is wide enough (at least 5 feet) for two people to walk side by side or pass one another
- 8. Has tactile ground surface indicators so pedestrians with vision impairment will know when the path is ending
- 9. Has a curb cut ramp (for use by wheelchairs, baby strollers, etc.) wherever it is interrupted by a street

THE STREET:

- 1. Has traffic lights and/or stop signs at intersections and crossings
- 2. The traffic lights and/or stop signs are clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians
- 3. Has crosswalks
- 4. The crosswalks are well marked and clearly visible to drivers and pedestrians
- 5. Has signage alerting drivers to the presence of pedestrians
- 6. Has a designated bicycle lane
- 7. Has a pedestrian crossing signal, also called a beacon (if yes, complete the next section)

THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS:

- 1. Are working
- 2. Have a "push-to-walk" mechanism, meaning pedestrians can stop vehicle traffic
- 3. Have audible prompts for people with vision impairment
- 4. Are placed in appropriate locations (if not, make note of where more are needed)
- 5. Provide enough time to cross (indicate the amount of time: _____ minutes _____ seconds)
- 6. Provide suitable opportunities to cross (indicate the amount of time pedestrians must wait for a traffic light change in order to cross: _____ minutes _____ seconds)

Consider using the "Build a Better Block" worksheet as well.

Walkability of the area, based on the findings above: Great Acceptable Mixed Poor

