

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

How walkable is your community?

Location of walk

Rating Scale:



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 _____

Rating: (circle one) Locations of problems:
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?

Rating: (circle one) Locations of problems:
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 _____

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

5. Was your walk pleasant?

- Yes Some problems:
- 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 _____

Rating: (circle one) Locations of problems:
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 fastp
 - Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
 - Something else _____

Rating: (circle one) Locations of problems:
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.