

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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 fast
  - Sped up to make it through traffic lights or drove through traffic lights?
  - Something else \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.