

# How Walkable is Your Community?



**Take a walk!** Remember to be safe. Analyze how walkable your community is by answering the five questions below. Rate your community's walkability using a six-point scale where **6 is best**. Use the back if you need more space. *Adapted from pedbikeinfo.org.*

**1. Did you have room to walk?** *Select all that apply.*

- Yes
- Sidewalks/paths started and stopped
- Sidewalks were broken or cracked
- Sidewalks were blocked (poles, plants, trash cans)
- No sidewalks, paths, or wide shoulders to walk on
- There was too much traffic
- No sidewalks, and roadway was not safe to walk along
- Something else \_\_\_\_\_

**Rating**    1    2    3    4    5    6

Location of problems: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Was it easy to cross the street?** *Select all that apply.*

- Yes
- Road was very wide
- Traffic signals made us wait too long or did not give us enough time to cross
- Needed striped crosswalks or traffic signals
- There was no safe place to cross
- Trees or plants blocked our view of traffic
- Something else \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of problems: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Did drivers behave well?** *Select all that apply.*

- Yes
- They backed out of driveways without looking
- They did not yield to people crossing the street
- They turned into the path of people crossing the street
- They drove too fast
- They disregarded traffic signs or signals or sped up to drive through signals
- Something else \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of problems: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Was it easy to follow safety rules?**

- Could you cross at crosswalks or where you could see and be seen by drivers?
- Could you stop and look left, right, and left again before crossing streets?
- Could you walk on sidewalks or shoulders facing traffic where there were no sidewalks?
- Could you cross with the traffic signal?
- Could you make eye contact with drivers before crossing?

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Location of problems: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Was your walk pleasant?** *Select all that apply.*

- Yes
- More grass, flowers, and/or trees are needed
- There were scary people, animals, and/or buildings
- There was not enough lighting
- There was a lot of litter and/or debris
- The air smelled or looked dirty due to vehicle exhaust
- There was a lot of unpleasant noise
- Something else \_\_\_\_\_

**Rating**    1    2    3    4    5    6

Location of problems: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Add it up!</b>	<b>Walkability Scale</b>
1. _____	<b>26 - 30</b> Celebrate! You have a great neighborhood for walking!
2. _____	
3. _____	<b>21 - 25</b> Pretty good.
4. _____	
5. _____	<b>16 - 20</b> Okay, but it needs work.
<b>Total</b>	
_____	<b>11 - 15</b> Needs a lot of work.
	<b>5 - 10</b> This is a bad place for walking!

**NEXT STEPS:** Share what you learned! For concerns regarding signs, signals, sidewalks, and other infrastructure needs, contact your local city or county engineering office or office of public works. For illegal activities or scary people or animals, contact local law enforcement. For overgrown plants or debris/trash, contact public works, neighborhood associations, or have a neighborhood clean up party. For more go to [www.saferoutesga.org](http://www.saferoutesga.org). Encourage others to assess their walk routes, too.