

How Walkable Is Your Neighborhood?

Use this checklist to determine if your neighborhood and other areas you travel in are friendly, safe places to walk. If you find problems, there are ways you can help make improvements. If traffic signals are not working, signs are missing, streetlamps are out, or markings are fading, call 311, the number for information and government services in NYC.

The Neighborhood Walkability Check:

1. Do you have room to walk safely? Yes

Some Problems:

- Sidewalks broken or cracked
- Sidewalks blocked with sign poles, newspaper boxes, etc.
- Too much traffic
- Bicyclists on the sidewalk
- Something else? _____

2. Is it easy to cross streets? Yes

Some Problems:

- Road is too wide
- Traffic signals make us wait too long or do not give us enough time to cross
- Total time for all pedestrian signal phases: seconds.
- White pedestrian figure: seconds
- Flashing red hand: seconds
- Solid red hand: seconds
- Traffic signal not working
- No marked crosswalk or faded markings
- Parked cars or trucks blocked our view
- Need curb ramps or ramps need repair
- Something else? _____

3. Do drivers behave well? Yes

Some Problems:

- Back out of driveways without looking
- Do not yield to people crossing the street
- Stop in the crosswalk
- Drive too fast
- Speed up to make it through red signals
- Do not come to a full stop at Stop sign
- Something else? _____

4. Do you follow pedestrian safety tips?

I cross at crosswalks or where I can see and be seen by drivers

Always Sometimes Never

I stop and look left-right-left again before beginning to cross the street

Always Sometimes Never

I keep scanning for turning vehicles while crossing

Always Sometimes Never

I wait for a fresh walk signal (white walking figure) to get the most time to cross

Always Sometimes

5. Is it pleasant to walk around my neighborhood ?

Always Sometimes Never

Some Problems:

- Not well lit
- Suspicious activity
- Dirty, lots of litter or trash
- Scary dogs
- Needs more trees, flowers



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