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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