This tool will help you evaluate the safety and accessibility of streets and public spaces in your neighborhood using the ‘8 80 Lens’.

Feel free to use this in your own communities to advocate for vibrant, animated public spaces!
Where are you doing this walk audit?
Draw a simple map of your audit area below and label the streets. Please be as specific as possible.

Day:
Start time:
End time:
2 Sidewalks

Are there sidewalks in the audit area?
- [ ] Yes, sidewalks on one side of most streets
- [ ] Yes, sidewalks on both sides of most streets
- [ ] No, please list the streets without sidewalks:

Generally, are sidewalks well-connected to one another and key destinations?
- [ ] Yes, all sidewalks are well connected in the audit area
- [ ] Yes, in some places
- [ ] No

How wide are most sidewalks in the audit area?
- [ ] One person can walk comfortably
- [ ] Two people can comfortably walk side-by-side
- [ ] More than two people can comfortably walk side-by-side

Are there trees and/or plants on the sidewalks?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] Some
- [ ] No

Is there street furniture on the sidewalks?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] Some
- [ ] No. What’s missing?
Intersection observed:

Intersection sketch:

Number of lanes:
Are there pedestrian signals?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Does the traffic signal make pedestrians wait too long before crossing?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Does the signal give adequate crossing time for slower walkers?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, are the pedestrian crossings well-marked?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are the intersections and sidewalks accessible to people in wheelchairs?
☐ Yes, in most or all places
☐ Yes, in some places
☐ No
Are there any special signals or design elements for blind or visually-impaired pedestrians?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are the turning radii (corners) closer to a right angle which forces turning cars to slow down?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Do streets in the audit area have traffic calming devices?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please circle any of the following that applies:

☐ Traffic circle  ☐ Sidewalk bulges or curb extensions
☐ Speed bumps  ☐ Other:
☐ Pedestrian islands

How safe do you feel crossing this intersection?

☐ Very safe  ☐ Somewhat safe  ☐ Not safe

Do you have any other observations?
Tip: Are there many people walking? Do pedestrians represent all ages and abilities? If not, who is missing?
4 Speed

What is the posted speed limit in the audit area?

Overall is traffic moving at the posted speed limit?

☐ Yes  ☐ No, traffic is moving faster than the posted speed limit

Any other comments?

5 Comfort

How comfortable is it to walk in this area?

☐ Very comfortable  ☐ Somewhat comfortable  ☐ Not comfortable
How comfortable would you feel walking in this area at night?

☐ Very comfortable
☐ Somewhat comfortable
☐ Not comfortable

Where problems exist, note them down and their location:

This street needs shade trees:

This street needs beautification (landscaping, flowers):

This street is too noisy:

This street needs benches and places to rest:

This street needs better pedestrian lighting:

The bus/transit stop is not well connected to the sidewalk:

The bus/transit stop has no bench or shelter:

There’s too much trash:

Other observations:
Are the building facades interesting to look at?
☐ Yes  ☐ No
Comments:

Are the buildings and space designed at a human scale?
☐ Yes  ☐ No
Comments:

Is this a place you would enjoy talking a walk in again?
☐ Yes  ☐ No

How would you rate the overall design of the street?
☐ Beautiful and inspiring  ☐ Decent design  ☐ Poor design

How likely are you to encourage/allow your child or older relative to walk in your audit area as a means of transportation?
☐ Very likely  ☐ Somewhat unlikely
☐ Somewhat likely  ☐ Very unlikely
☐ Neutral
Cycling Infrastructure

Are there designated bike lanes or bike-priority streets in the audit area?

☐ No  ☐ Some bike lanes are present

☐ Yes, there are bike lanes throughout the area.

Where they exist, are bikeways connected to each other and to key destinations?

☐ Yes  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ No

Generally, is cycling in your audit area an enjoyable experience?

☐ Yes  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ No

Is there adequate space for bike parking available at major destinations?

☐ Yes  ☐ Somewhat  ☐ No

How likely are you to encourage/allow your child or older relative to bike in your audit area as a means of transportation?

☐ Very likely  ☐ Somewhat unlikely

☐ Somewhat likely  ☐ Very unlikely

☐ Neutral
Is there a central park, square, and/or open public space in the audit area?

☐ No
☐ 1-2 small/medium public spaces
☐ 3+ parks/public spaces

Please list them:

Which activities take place in these parks and public spaces? Check all that apply.

☐ No activity
☐ Eating/drinking
☐ Socializing
☐ Play
☐ Sports
☐ Community garden
☐ Dog park/dog-walking
☐ Outdoor seasonal events
☐ Illicit behavior
☐ Other:

Are the public spaces easily accessible from sidewalks and pedestrian routes?

☐ Yes
☐ Somewhat
☐ No
Generally, are the public spaces in the audit area well maintained?

☐ Yes  ☐ Somewhat

☐ No

What problems are present?

☐ Trees and plants in poor condition

☐ Pavement is broken

☐ Litter and/or graffiti

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How likely are you to encourage/allow your child or older relative to visit parks and open spaces in the audit area?

☐ Very likely  ☐ Somewhat unlikely

☐ Somewhat likely  ☐ Very unlikely

☐ Neutral