



School Neighborhood Walk Audit



A School Neighborhood Walk Audit is a school/community event used to identify and evaluate the safety issues around a school. The School Walk Audit typically focuses on a single school and encompasses a maximum of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile distance in any direction from the school. Participants in the Walk Audit traditionally include school parents, staff, and sometimes students; city or county planners and engineers, neighbors, traffic safety officers, and local elected officials.

Walk Audits are led by a planning and design firm experienced in working with Safe Routes to School programs. The resulting plans will be brought back to the school community for final comments, and then submitted to the local (city and/or county) planning agency to advocate for traffic and engineering changes in your community.

In order to schedule a walk audit, the following things should be in place:

- There is a parent or staff leader at your school (Safe Routes to Schools Champion) committed to spearheading a Safe Routes to Schools Program.
- Parents have strong concerns about traffic safety, crime, or other safety issues, and the ability to devote time to resolving these issues.
- The school currently hosts or plans to host other Safe Routes to Schools programs to encourage walking and/or bicycling to school.



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