

TDS and UDS Walkability Tour activity

(Adapted from the Walkability Checklist form developed by US Department of Transportation, Pedestrian and Bicycle Information Center at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, and Partnership for a Walkable America)

Planning Hours: 30 min

Event Hours: 30 minutes minimum

Best Time to Conduct: During the day

Purpose: The purpose of this activity is for you to determine the *walkability* of your neighborhood. The term *walkability* means how easy or difficult it is for you to walk around your neighborhood safely. Knowing the walkability can help you determine where you should or should not walk, and where changes can be made to make your neighborhood safer.

Important Information: Please make sure you:

1. Adhere to any local or state policies concerning social distancing, walking, or biking in public.
2. Stay safe! **Always** keep a distance of 6 feet or greater between you and others.
3. Only conduct this activity during the day time when it is light outside.
4. If possible, have an adult or older family member of your immediate household to accompany you on the walking tour.

Items Needed

- Walkability Checklist (print or mobile version)
- Walkability Checklist instructions

Instructions

You will use the adapted Walkability Checklist to conduct a walking tour of your neighborhood. Once you download the checklist onto your phone or tablet (or you can print the form and take it with you) you will take a walk around your neighborhood.

As you begin to walk around your neighborhood, be on the lookout for things such as sidewalks, traffic flow, crosswalks, and walk signals. Answer the questions on the Checklist. Once you answer each question, you will rate that condition 1-6, 1 being the worst and 6 being the best. For example, question #5 asks "Is your walk pleasant?" and several follow-up questions about things you came across on your walk. You will rate your walk from 1-6 on how pleasant you thought your walk was.

At the end of the Checklist, you will calculate the total score for your neighborhood. Does your neighborhood need improvements? Is it suitable for pedestrians and cyclists? Make a video and let YTS know!



Don't Forget

Follow Social Distancing guidelines for your community

After completion:

- There are suggestions for ways to improve walking and biking conditions for your neighborhood at the end of the Checklist. These suggestions include immediate suggestions, such as pick another route for now, or long-term suggestions, such as setting up a neighborhood speed watch program.
- Reach out to YTS on FaceBook, Instagram, or Snapchat by making a video about your experiences and tagging us!