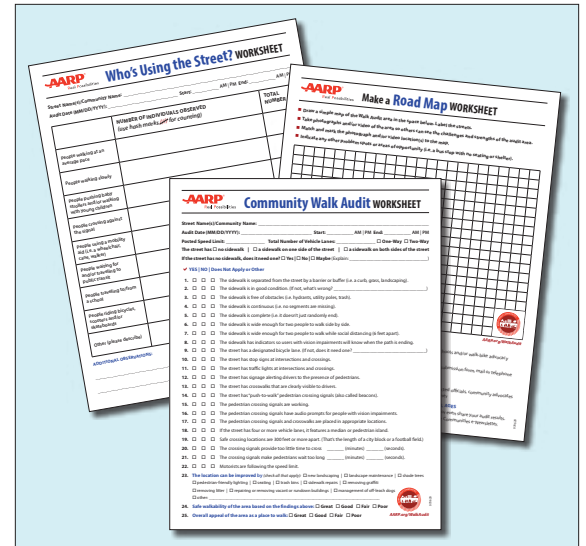


Turn a routine walk into a helpful, community-improving data collection activity

The AARP Walk Audit Worksheets are easy to print from home, easy to complete, and easy to use by anyone who want to make their community more livable and pedestrian-friendly for people of all ages. Each worksheet can be used on its own or in combination. Each can be printed anew for observing a different street or block.

- The **Community Walk Audit Worksheet** provides a list of characteristics and conditions to look for and evaluate along a particular street or block. The worksheet is useful for evaluating what works well, what is missing, and what could be improved to make the street safer and a more enjoyable place for people to walk.
- The **Who's Using the Street?** worksheet helps walk “auditors” tally who’s traveling along the roadway and how.
- The **Walk Audit Road Map** can be used to illustrate the audit location. Mapping the streetscape is especially useful when accompanied by photographs that document what’s being observed and show information about specific spots on the map.



After completing one or more of the worksheet activities, take further action!

- Share your findings with local leaders, such as elected officials (a county or city council person, a district representative, mayor or county executive) and members of civic organizations, neighborhood groups and/or a homeowners’ association. Ask for changes that will address the most egregious problems and be of benefit to the community. A tip: Many local governments and community groups have dedicated email addresses, online forms or phone numbers for reporting needed street and sidewalk repairs.
- Visit the [Complete Streets Policy Atlas](#) and [Vision Zero Communities Map](#) to identify whether the local government has established a Complete Streets policy or set Vision Zero goals. Both efforts seek to make streets safe for all users. If neither initiative is being implemented, encourage local leaders to learn about and adopt them.
- Look into whether the community has pursued or attained certification as a [Walk-Friendly Community](#) and/or [Bicycle-Friendly Community](#).
- See if the community is a member of the [AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities](#). If it is, identify what goals have been established for making the community more walkable.
- Talk to your neighbors, friends, and family about the walk audit results — and encourage them to do their own walk audit.
- Contact your state office (via [AARP.org/States](#)) to get involved in livable communities work, attend events, or even share your audit results.

Once all that’s done, *do it again!* Choose a different street or several to learn whether similar problems persist. If they do, get involved to help address the systemic barriers that are keeping the community’s streets and sidewalks from being safe and welcoming for all users.

