SET SOME GOALS
Decide what you want to accomplish by conducting a walk audit

PICK YOUR PLACE
Choose the route carefully, scout it ahead of time, and make sure everyone will be safe

KEEP IT SHORT
Don’t make it too long – a one-mile walk audit can easily last an hour with stops for discussion

CURATE YOUR CREW
Identify participants from the neighborhood and others whom you want to recruit as advocates

BRING IN LOCAL LEADERS
Invite one or two public officials such as planners, engineers or City Council members

USE TOOLS
Choose a specific guide such as the AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit and send it to participants in advance

GRAB GEAR
Bring along clipboards, printed guides, and pens, as well as a tape measure and a camera

BE UNIVERSAL
Before starting, remind everyone to prioritize safety and to imagine a small child or a person with a disability on this walk (a great tool is to bring a stroller to identify mobility)

TAKE PAUSE
Stop every few blocks to analyze the conditions, make notes, and take photos

CHAT AND ASSESS
At the end, ask everyone to share their “take-aways”
RESOURCES FOR PLANNING AND LEADING A SUCCESSFUL WALK AUDIT

What is a Walk Audit?
A walk audit is a brief, invaluable activity that you or anyone can facilitate to identify unsafe spaces for pedestrians - in an effort to bridge connections and make your community more safe, equitable, accessible and enjoyable.

Walk Friendly Communities
A national recognition program developed to encourage towns and...
walkfriendly.org

AARP Walk Audit Tool Kit and Leader Guide
Use this survey kit to observe and document the safety and safety risks of the streets in your community.
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Walkability Checklist
How walkable is your community?

Getting started:
First, you'll need to pick a place to walk. This is either to school, a friend's house or somewhere else in town. The second step is to create a route. Draw on the checklist before you start, and use the locations to identify any behaviors you may have in mind. The third step is to conduct a walk audit. Add up the numbers to see how well your walk went. After you've conducted your walk and identified any problem areas, the next step is to figure out what you can do to improve your community's score...