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What is Victoria Walks?

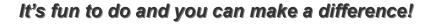
Our job is to get more people walking everywhere as much as possible - walking to school, shops, sport, or just around the neighbourhood. *Imagine if everybody walked!* We would be healthier, there would be less traffic and pollution, and the streets would be safer with more people hanging out and walking around. *The world would be a much nicer place!*

You can help to get people back on their feet!

What can I do?

How about doing a walking audit? A walking audit is like a survey to find out the *good things* that make walking easier and the *bad things* that need improvement. For example:

- Are footpaths wide enough for everyone (eg. wheelchair or pram)?
- Are there seats for people to rest or stop for a chat?
- Do drivers go too fast or drive dangerously?
- Is the area fun and interesting to walk around, or dirty, or dark and scary?



Why do a walking audit?

Your walking audit can help point out the things that need to be done to make walking easier for people who don't drive or need to walk (children, young people, elderly, people with a disability, mums with prams etc). Imagine being stuck at home because the footpath is broken, or being scared by people who drive dangerously! It can be lonely and annoying not being able to walk around easily (eg. go shopping or see a friend).

Where can I do a walking audit?

You can do a walking audit anywhere you like! How about around:

- Your school or local primary school?
- A retirement home?
- Your local shops, library or park?
- Your skate park, sports club or swimming pool?

What do I do next?

- 1. Check our website for ideas, the walking audit and photos online.
- 2. Print off the walking audit tool and explanation notes.
- 3. Talk to your teacher, grab a camera and some school friends and go for it.
- 4. Write down what you find & your ideas for making things better.

What happens after I've done the audit?

Tell your school council, your local council or Victoria Walks about what you have found and your ideas.

The next step might be to turn some of your ideas into reality!

