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### Tips for making your neighborhood more walkable:

1. **Explore your neighborhood on foot.** Make a map of walking routes from your home to favorite destinations.
2. **Make walking part of neighborhood events** such as a picnic or a tour of a neighborhood park or garden.
3. **Connect with area schools** to support families who want their kids to walk or bike to school and other places in the neighborhood. You can be part of a neighborhood effort to make the routes safer for kids.
4. **Practice safety when you walk, bike, or drive.**  
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