



# Walking

*all reasons all seasons*

## Want A Safe Neighborhood?

### *Walking can get you there!*

**One of the best ways to make a neighborhood safe is to know your neighbors and your surroundings.** Walking makes the people, houses, businesses, and traffic patterns of the neighborhood familiar. When neighbors know each other, that comfort builds community. Everybody wins when we make walking a part of our everyday routines and when we work together for safe walkable neighborhoods.

#### **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.**  
Go to *Safety Matters* ([www.walkclarkcounty.org/safety\\_matters.php](http://www.walkclarkcounty.org/safety_matters.php)) for safety tips.

#### **Walkable communities don't happen by accident!**

##### **Take it to the next level:**

- **Conduct a walkability audit of your neighborhood.** Discuss the results of your audit as a family. Share the results of your audit with your neighborhood association, school board, or the city or county transportation department.  
[www.WalkClarkCounty.org/audit](http://www.WalkClarkCounty.org/audit)
- **Connect walkability and sustaining a healthy environment.**  
Go to [www.WalkClarkCounty.org](http://www.WalkClarkCounty.org) to learn how walking instead of driving helps save the planet.
- **Write a letter to the editor** of your local newspaper about the need for walkable communities. Share the results of your audit, barriers to walking your family experiences, or examples of how your family is walking more.

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