



What is a Safe Neighbourhood?

A place where anyone may live, work, play or visit without fear or risk of harm or injury.

What is a Safety Audit?

- A tool used to collectively identify problems related to physical space and social issues
- Done from the perspective of people in the neighbourhood

METRAC's Safety Audit

- METRAC's Safety Audit was created in 1989
- First developed to address the reality of women's safety concerns
- Used internationally to evaluate the safety of many environments

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METRAC
Metropolitan Action Committee on
Violence Against Women and Children



Neighbourhood Safety Audit



Practical community based action tool used to evaluate the safety of an area by:

1. Identifying safety concerns
2. Discussing solutions
3. Developing a resident-led action plan to create safer neighbourhoods



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Everyone is an expert on their own sense of safety



How to Conduct a Neighbourhood Safety Audit...





What information is collected?

The Safety Audit collects information on:

- General Impressions
- Physical Environment

General Impressions

Focus on how you feel about the safety of the area

This includes:

- If you feel safe alone
- If you change your actions because you do not feel safe
- If you avoid certain places in the area

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Physical Environment Survey

Focus on physical features of an area

Physical Safety issues include:

- Lighting
- Signs
- Traffic
- Public Transit
- Visibility
- Maintenance
- Accessibility
- Police
- Fire

After Safety Audit Walkabout

- Identify the **4 top priorities** and discuss recommendations on how to resolve them
- Write down suggestions for change
- Submit surveys and feedback forms to the group leader

Safety Audit Report Cards

- Written together by Program Coordinator and Group Leaders
- Includes:
 - Details of Safety Audit, area and group
 - Tabulation of surveys
 - Key highlights
 - Top four safety priorities
 - List of city and community contacts
 - Strategies for follow up
 - Resources for community organizing

Follow-up After Safety Audit

- Organize a follow-up meeting to share and discuss Report Card and next steps for the group

Safe Neighbourhoods Leadership Table

The Safe Neighbourhoods Leadership Table is made up of representatives from various safety organizations in London. The group meets biannually to review Neighbourhood Safety Audit Reports and Action Plans, discuss opportunities for support and to explore opportunities for greater cooperation toward the goal of safe neighbourhoods. The table is made up of representatives from:

- London Police Services
- London Fire Services
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Transportation Division, City of London
- Community Development & Funding, City of London
- Security and Emergency Management, City of London
- Healthy Communities and Injury Prevention, Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Environmental and Parks Planning, City of London
- Canada Post



Safety Audits Completed Since Inception

Year	Neighbourhood	Neighbourhood Area
2015	Argyle	Marconi LMHA
2015	Medway	Denlaw Estates
2016	Lambeth	Masterson Cres
2017	Uplands	Canvas Way
2017	Bishop Helmuth	Grosvenor St
2017	Oxford Park	Edinburgh St and Foster Ave
2017	Old North	Patricia Ave and Steeles
2018	Kensall Park	Berkshire Club
2018	Old North	Baldwin Flats
2018	Old North	Bridport Street
2018	Central	Talbot and Central
2019	Medway	Orchard Park
2019	Medway	Limberlost Middlesex London Community Housing
2019	Stoneybrook	
Total to date		14

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