

CROSSWALK PHYSICAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

CAUTION! This is a list of suggested activities that the participant undertakes at his or her own risk. It may be too dangerous at some crosswalks to complete this inspection.

Location: _____
Speed limit at site: _____
Name of inspector: _____
Date of visit: _____

SITE DESCRIPTION

1. Describe the location. Note nearby facilities (school, hospital, etc.)

2. Describe the amount of use the site gets. (If usage is low, are people choosing not to walk here because they feel unsafe?) _____

3. List the times of peak use for the site. _____
4. Note any vulnerable populations (such as children or seniors) that use the crosswalk.

5. Other important factors to note about the site. _____

OBSERVE SITE AS A PEDESTRIAN

A. Study driver reactions to crosswalks for 10-15 minutes — both when pedestrians are present and when they re not. Compare your results. Drivers should have approached more slowly and stopped for pedestrians waiting to cross the street.

No pedestrians at crosswalk

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| 1. Car tally (check a box for each car you observe.) | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |
| 2. Drivers who slowed down as they approached. | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |
| 3. Drivers who checked for pedestrians. | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |
| 4. Average speed of cars (estimate). | _____ | |
| 5. Other comments | _____ | |

Pedestrian waiting at crosswalk

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| 1. Car tally (check a box for each car you observe.) | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |
| 2. Drivers who slowed down as they approached. | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |
| 3. Drivers who stopped. | Tally here: _____ | Total _____ |

- 4. Average speed of cars (estimate). _____
- 5. Average amount of time people wait to cross the street (estimate) _____
- 6. Other comments _____

B. If you can do so safely, cross the street. *CAUTION! Do not cross until cars have stopped.*

- 1. How safe do you feel while you re in the crosswalk? Unsafe 1 2 3 4 5 Safe
- 2. If a car were to approach while you re in the crosswalk, how confident are you that the driver be able to see you and stop in time? Not Confident 1 2 3 4 5 Confident

C. Observe the surrounding area.

- 1. List factors that make it difficult to see oncoming cars.
 - Parked vehicles
 - A curve in the road
 - Weather conditions (List: _____)
 - Other obstructions (List: _____)
- 2. Count the numbers of different kinds of people who use the site in a 10-15 minute period. Studies show that children and seniors are the most vulnerable pedestrians.
 - a. Number of people you observe using the crosswalk. _____
 - b. Number of children. _____
 - c. Number of seniors. _____

OBSERVE THE SITE AS A DRIVER

Make mental notes about your reactions and observations as you approach and drive past the site. Please wait until you have safely parked your car before filling out this section.

- 1. How fast were you going as you approached the site? _____ mph
- 2. Rate the your ability to notice someone waiting to cross. Difficult 1 2 3 4 5 Easy
- 3. Rate your ability to see someone using the crosswalk. Difficult 1 2 3 4 5 Easy
- 4. List factors that impaired your ability to see pedestrians in time to stop.
 - Parked vehicles
 - A curve in the road
 - A long, straight, wide road (Drivers usually drive faster and have slower reaction times on roads like these)
 - Weather conditions (List: _____)
 - Poor road lighting
 - Poor crosswalk indicators (faded paint, obstructed warning signs, etc.)
 - Other obstructions (List: _____)