

Senior Accessibility/Walkability Checklist

Use this checklist to consider whether a senior may need assistance in travelling to a particular service. The more times you answer 'no' to a question, the more likely a senior may experience difficulty in travelling to this location and benefit from assistance with transportation and/or accompaniment.

Issue	Rationale	Questions to Consider	X if No
Direct Routes	A route that is complicated or requires many steps increases the likelihood that a senior may get lost or confused in their travel.	Are the directions between the shelter and the service simple and easy to follow?	
Connectivity of Sidewalk	Gaps/breaks in the sidewalk network force people to walk unsafely on or near the street. Seniors with mobility issues are particularly at risk in these situations.	Is there a continuous pedestrian path (including sidewalks, crossings, footbridges, etc) from the shelter to the service or transit? Is there a continuous pedestrian path from transit to the service (if applicable)?	
Calm Traffic	If traffic is noisy and congested, seniors may avoid walking because they feel distracted by the noise and/or unsafe.	Is the traffic along the walking portions of the route relatively calm and quiet?	
Safe Street Crossings	Crosswalks should be clearly marked, with electronic signals, good lighting and clear sightlines for safe crossings.	Can those with mobility issues get across the street in the time allowed by the signals? Do drivers yield to pedestrians at driveways and crosswalks?	
Transit Links	The distance required to walk from a site to transportation should be minimized to reduce fatigue experienced by the senior.	Are transit stops convenient and regarded as safe by seniors? Are the transit links within 100 yards of the shelter or service?	
Personal Security	It is important that seniors perceive the environment in which they will travel as safe. This perception may be different than others.	Does the senior identify the route to be traveled as safe for them?	

Based on: Feedback in the Greater Vancouver Shelter Strategy's Community of Practice Sessions and the Walkable Edmonton City Checklist

<http://www.edmonton.ca/transportation/WalkabilityChecklist.pdf>

