

Hello!

You are invited to be a SNOW MOLE and complete a Winter Pedestrian Safety Audit!

SNOW MOLES are volunteers who report on what it is like to walk outside on a winter day in Ottawa.

Instructions to SNOW MOLES

1. Pick a time of day when you need to go out a day or two after winter weather (e.g. heavy snow, freezing rain)
2. Pick a destination: e.g. School, grocery store, bank, drug store, medical appointment
3. Answer the questions below and use the Checklist of 5 questions to audit your walk.
4. Return the completed audit form to your community contact. THANK YOU!

Age-Friendly Ottawa SNOW MOLES: Questions about you and your winter walk

Date (day/month/year): _____ Time of day: ____ a.m.; ____ p.m. _____

Describe winter conditions (i.e. snow, freezing rain, slushy) _____

City/ Neighbourhood of walk audit: _____

Names of main streets on route: _____

Approximate distance: ___ less than 1 km., ___ 1 km., ___ 1.5 km, ___ more than 1.5 km.

About you: Age ___, Female ___ Male ___. I have a mobility aid: Yes No

I walk this route for (check all that apply):

Transportation: to reach a specific location;

Recreation: for enjoyment and/or physical activity;

To question safety and accessibility of this route.

THE CHECKLIST

1. Have the sidewalks and streets in front of your house or residence been:

Ploughed Salted Sand/Grit Other: _____

2. Can you walk (or use a mobility device) on the sidewalk safely to get to your destination or to the nearest bus stop?

Yes No

3. Is the bus stop area clear of snow/ice and fully accessible? Yes No

4. Are you able to get to your destination and back home safely? Yes No

5. Do you have any other safety concerns?

Please report any hazards or problems needing immediate attention to the City of Ottawa's phone line 311

Thank you for completing and returning this Winter Pedestrian Safety audit to : _____