

Steps to Carry out a Safety Audit

1. Organize a group in your neighbourhood to do an audit
2. Contact METRAC's Safety Program to find out about our next training session
3. Pick date, places, and times
4. Conduct the Safety Audit in your neighbourhood
5. Collate the results and send to METRAC for report
6. Meet again to discuss results and strategize follow-up actions.

About METRAC

METRAC is a not-for-profit, community-based organization. Its goal is to ensure that women, youth, and children live free from all forms of violence and the threat or fear of violence. We seek to address the distinct realities of women within and among diverse communities. We work to prevent and end all forms of violence – institutional, individual, and systemic. We work collaboratively with a broad range of partners to develop strategies to end violence against women and to build safer communities for everyone.

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**Metropolitan Action Committee on
Violence Against Women and Children**

Community Safety Audits



What do we mean by Safety?

- * The focus is on **PERSONAL SAFETY**. (How safe people feel from violence and discrimination in their living and working environments). Personal safety affects how people navigate through their neighbourhoods.
- * We recognize "safety" from the viewpoint of women and other marginalized groups and seek to incorporate their unique needs into all METRAC safety work.
- * A person is truly "safe" when they are free from the threat, fear, and experience of all kinds of violence, oppression, and discrimination.

Why Women's Safety?

- * Statistics show: women have unique safety concerns and violence against women in private and public is a big problem
- * Women feel most vulnerable to public violence, but their safety needs are rarely acknowledged
- * Safety Audits allow women to speak about their safety in public
- * METRAC's Safety Audit focuses on public violence between people on the streets or in public places (e.g. physical & sexual assault, harassment)

METRAC's Safety Audit materials are now available in Simplified Chinese, French, Punjabi, Spanish & Tamil.

What is METRAC's Safety Audit?

- * METRAC's Safety Audit is a practical community action tool that's used to evaluate the safety of an area and open up discussion about violence.
- * It helps you identify your safety concerns, discuss solutions to those concerns, and develop an action plan to prevent violence in your community.
- * It brings groups of community members together to talk about their safety concerns and ideas for creating safer neighbourhoods

What info do you collect?

1. General Information

General feelings about the safety of the area

2. Physical Features

Lighting	Maintenance
Signs and Maps	Accessibility
Sightlines	Security
Isolation	Emergency Protocol
Entrapment Sites	Public Transportation

3. Attitudes and Behaviours

Feeling threatened or intimidated
Experiences of discrimination based on marginalized peoples' identities (e.g. race, class, gender, sexuality)