

Provide & Promote Safe Walking Routes

Make it easier for employees to fit more movement into their day by providing and promoting walking routes at or near the workplace.

To provide and promote safe walking routes:

FIND SAFE AREAS TO WALK

Safe areas could include non-congested indoor hallways, around the edges of the employee parking lot, a nearby town park or walking path, or sidewalks through a nearby neighborhood.

GET APPROVAL

Remember to check with the building owner or property management before installing signage or marking distances.

MEASURE DISTANCE OF WALKING ROUTES (OPTIONAL)

For routes on your organization's property, mark or post distances. Use an app such as Walk Watch or RunKeeper or ask to borrow a measuring wheel from your local recreation department or police department.

PROMOTE WALKING OPTIONS

Install signage along paths to direct walkers and show them the distance they have walked. Provide laminated walking maps in conference rooms so meeting attendees know where they can take a walk during a movement break. Recruit champions (including department and senior management and wellness committee members) to lead by example by taking walks and leading walking meetings. (See Active Meeting Guidelines and Walking Meeting Guidelines handouts.)

PROVIDE TIME FOR WALKS

Allow and encourage staff to take walking breaks.

