

# WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT GUIDE

*Safety for Women  
Safety for Everyone*

*Let's Act on it*



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**This Community Safety Audit Guide  
is for every woman who wants to feel safer in her  
community and wants to do something about it.**

**But of course it will work for everyone**

You have decided to do a safety audit because you do not feel safe in a particular area and you want to do something about it. The idea, then, is to gather the information that will help you articulate your concerns and lobby for changes. Safety audits focus specifically on preventing sexual harassment and all forms of assault by increasing women's safety in public and semi public places like:

- parks
- transit stations and bus stops
- streets
- the workplace
- colleges and universities
- underground parking garages
- schools and school yards
- washrooms in shopping malls
- the transit system
- laundry rooms
- parking lots
- recreation and community centres
- bars

*Anywhere that makes the hair rise on the back of your neck.*

This guide is designed to help you:

- identify the issues
- organize safety audits
- lobby for change

If you would like to order this step by step guide, please contact WISE at 613-230-6700 or [info@wiscottawa.ca](mailto:info@wiscottawa.ca)