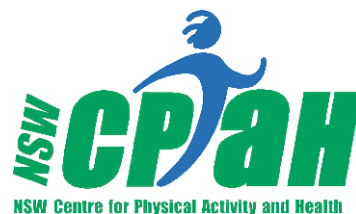




Neighbourhood Environment Walkability Survey



Purpose

NEWS (Neighbourhood Environment Walkability Survey) is a research audit tool developed for a pilot study which evaluated self-report measures of neighbourhood environment variables hypothesised to be important contributors to physical activity.

Method

Self-report measures of neighbourhood environmental characteristics were collected.

Self-report measures of physical activity and weight status were also collected using different tools.

Brief description

NEWS (the Neighbourhood Environment Walkability Survey) was developed by researchers in the United States of America. It assesses the following neighbourhood environment characteristics:

- Residential density
- Land use mix diversity/Access to services
- Street connectivity

- Walking/cycling facilities such as footpaths and cycle paths
- Neighbourhood surroundings/Aesthetics
- Traffic safety
- Crime safety.

Locating the instrument

NEWS instrument can be downloaded from:
<http://www.cpah.health.usyd.edu.au/pdfs/NEWS.pdf>

NEWS scoring procedures can be downloaded from:
<http://www.cpah.health.usyd.edu.au/pdfs/NEWSscoring.pdf>

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Related References and Links

Active Living Research website precise

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