

Do you walk in Arlington? Would you walk more if it were safer, easier, more comfortable and more convenient? Join with **Walking in Arlington** and help to make it happen!

Walking in Arlington is a pedestrian advocacy and walking safety group. We are people who live, work, shop, worship, go to school and conduct business in Arlington who work with Arlington residents, Town officials, local businesses, schools, senior centers, congregations and community groups to make Arlington a more pedestrian-friendly place for people of all ages.

Although **Walking in Arlington** is not a walking club, it is a great way to meet other walkers, form formal walking clubs, find walking buddies and plan historical walks, nature walks and other special interest walks.



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**A Pedestrian Advocacy Group
for All Ages**

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Public Safety

Pedestrian safety is a major public safety issue in Arlington. We work with the Town's Transportation Advisory Committee to identify, study and develop solutions for Arlington's pedestrian safety problems.



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Traffic Calming & Law Enforcement

We work on recommendations for traffic calming measures, especially on main streets, in business districts and near schools, and fair and consistent enforcement of traffic and safety laws throughout Arlington.

Safe Routes To Schools

We work with *Safe Routes to Schools*, looking at whether and how kids walk and bicycle to school. *Safe Routes to Schools* is a program administered at the federal, state and local level. There are Safe Routes to Schools Coordinators at each of Arlington's elementary schools.



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The *Safe Routes to Schools* reports recommend traffic calming, increasing speeding fines, adding crosswalks and walk signals, retiming traffic signals and adding sidewalks. The reports advocate walking groups for older children and "walking school buses" for younger children.

Reclaiming Sidewalks

We work to reclaim the sidewalks for pedestrians by advocating for full access to sidewalks for all residents, repair and maintenance of sidewalks and expansion of public and private responsibility to keep sidewalks clear and free of obstructions.



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Promoting Walking

We spread the word that walking is healthy, safe, fun, good for business, practical and convenient. We work with neighborhood business owners, schools, health care providers and recreation and fitness professionals to promote walking in Arlington. In turn, walking promotes local businesses, safety, fitness and health.

Outreach and Communication

We reach out into the community through articles in the Arlington Advocate, the Boston Globe and Arlington Online, information tables at Town Day, Feast of the East and other events, exhibits at the Robbins Library and Town Hall, sponsoring historical walks and a web site. We work with Arlington's Selectmen, Town Meeting, Police, Council on Aging, Public Schools, Public Works and Planning Departments, as well as local congregations, businesses, community groups and the MBTA.