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## LESSON 6.4

# PLANNING SAFE WALKING ROUTES USING GOOGLE MAPS

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**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the steps below to plan the safest walking route between two places in your community. Then, explain why you chose that route based on what you've learned about pedestrian safety.

### STEP 1: CHOOSE TWO LOCATIONS:

- Pick two places you could walk between (home and school, a friend's house, a park, library). If using a friend's house, you'll need to know the address.

### STEP 2: USE GOOGLE MAPS TO FIND A ROUTE

1. Go to [maps.google.com](https://maps.google.com).
2. Enter the name or address of your starting location.
3. Click "Directions" and enter the name or address of your destination.
4. Select the "Walking Directions" option.
5. Look at your route options carefully. Use "Street View" to see what the routes actually look like, and look for sidewalks, crosswalks, stop signs, quiet roads and visibility. Avoid busy intersections, dark areas or streets without sidewalks.

### STEP 3: ADD YOUR ROUTE

- Once you've chosen the safest route, write out the step-by-step directions provided in Google Maps below.

### STEP 4: WRITE YOUR EXPLANATION

- Why is this the safest route to walk?
- Provide details and examples in at least three complete sentences.
- What could make this route even safer? Answer in at least two complete sentences.