

Assessment:

Neighborhood Environment Scale

Scale items:

1. Within walking distance of my house there is a park or playground where I like to walk and enjoy myself, playing sports or games. **R**
2. There are plenty of safe places to walk or play outdoors in my neighborhood. **R**
3. Every few weeks, some kid in my neighborhood gets beat-up or mugged.
4. Every few weeks, some adult gets beat-up or mugged in my neighborhood.
5. In my neighborhood, I see signs of racism and prejudice at least once a week.
6. In my neighborhood, many yards and alleys have broken bottles and trash lying around.
7. I have seen people using or selling drugs in my neighborhood.
8. In the morning, or later in the day, I often see drunk people on the street in my neighborhood.
9. Most adults in my neighborhood respect the law. **R**
10. There are abandoned or boarded-up buildings in my neighborhood.
11. I feel safe when I walk around my neighborhood by myself. **R**
12. The people who live in my neighborhood often damage or steal each other's property.
13. The people who live in my neighborhood always take care of each other and protect each other from crime. **R**
14. Almost everyday I see homeless people walking or sitting around in my neighborhood.
15. In my neighborhood, the people with the most money are the drug dealers.
16. In my neighborhood, there are a lot of poor people who don't have enough money for food and basic needs.
17. For many people in my neighborhood, going to church on Sunday or religious days is a very important activity. **R**
18. The people in my neighborhood are the best people in the world. **R**

USE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1. True
0. False

Scores range from 1-18 with higher scores indicating greater neighborhood disadvantage. Items followed by an R should be reversed when scoring.