

Streets for People

Walking is a great way to get around. For short trips, for exercise, or just for fun, walking can be better than driving or riding. But in many _____, walking can also be dangerous. Cars, trucks, and _____ are a danger to _____, and sometimes there are accidents.

David Engwicht, from Brisbane, Australia, wants to do something about this. His book, *Reclaiming Our Cities and Towns*, has a simple message: We need to take back our _____ and make them better places for walking.

In the past, Engwicht says, _____ belonged to everybody. Children played there, and people walked to work or to stores. Now, however, most city engineers design _____ for vehicles, such as cars, trucks, and _____. People stay inside buildings to get away from the _____, the _____ streets, and the dangerous _____. Unfortunately, this gives them less contact with their _____.

Many _____ are working to make their streets safer for _____. There are new _____ on the streets and more traffic _____ and bicycle lanes. The city of Florence, Italy, only allows cars and buses with special _____ to drive on its historic city streets. In Boston, US, the Slow Streets program gives some _____ more stop _____ and a 20 mph (32 kph) speed limit. These cities hope there _____ fewer accidents in the future.