

Observation Sheet

Observer 1: _____ Location: _____

Observer 2: _____ Date of Observation: _____

Starting Time of Observation: _____
(daylight hours only)

Terrain: _____
(e.g. stairs, sidewalk, hallway, grassy)

If outdoors, weather conditions: _____
(e.g. cold with light snow, sunny and warm)

Observation Period	Number of Pedestrians	Number of Males Using Cell Phones	Number of Females Using Cell Phones
1: 0:00 to 0:10			
2: 0:30 to 0:40			
3: 1:00 to 1:10			
4: 1:30 to 1:40			
5: 2:00 to 2:10			
6: 2:30 to 2:40			
7: 3:00 to 3:10			
8: 3:30 to 3:40			

Cell phone use is operationally defined as either 1) held against an ear or 2) having their cell phone in their hands **and** either 1) their line of sight is directed at the cell phone or 2) they are talking to it.

Mentally count the number of pedestrians passing you. Start each observation period with both hands empty and closed like a fist. As each male using a cell phone passes you, straighten one of the fingers on your left hand. As each female using a cell phone passes you, straighten one of the fingers on your right hand.

Mishaps: **IF APPROPRIATE, OFFER HELP FIRST.** After the person has been attended to, record what mishap happened and what the person was doing when it happened. Examples of “mishaps” include other pedestrians having to avoid someone on a cell phone, a person walks or nearly walks into someone or something, a person slips, etc.