

# ACCOMPLISHMENTS KEY FINDINGS LESSONS LEARNED NEXT STEPS

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WalkWise Tampa Bay is a grassroots effort providing pedestrian safety education to the Tampa Bay

community.

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#### Have Laptop, Will Travel

- Projectors
- Laptops
- Audience Response System

- Reflective Backpacks
- Reflective Bands
- Bookmarks
- Safety Handouts



## Audience Response System is used at presentations to stimulate discussion

- Choose your answer by clicking on the corresponding number
- Change your answer prior to the poll closing – last answer will be recorded
- All answers are anonymous and will be stored for reporting and evaluation





Interactive, educational PowerPoint presentation provided by trained presenters and tailored to the needs of specific groups or individuals.

#### **Presentations**

	2010 - 2011		2012 - 2013	2013 - 2014
Goal	400	200	300	400
Completed	457	220	340	

Over 15,000 Ambassadors have taken the pledge!







Sample Accolades
"I wanted to personally write to
thank you for your great
presentation on Monday! It was
very informative and answered
some questions I had. I feel like
I'm a much better pedestrian and
driver now!"

"I would like to thank you for the interactive presentation. Several members shared with me how interactive and informative the presentation was. We look forward to sharing the information about your organization with others. Again, thank you for the knowledge we gained."

"[The WalkWise presenter]
captured our attention and
got everyone involved using with
the audience response system. It
proved that we all learned
something new or at least
refreshed our thinking about
pedestrian and bike safety. My
husband is an avid cyclist and he
was listening intently.





### Empower Yourself and Others

I pledge to WalkWise and Drive Safely and spread the word about the importance of pedestrian safety to my friends, family, neighbors, colleagues and others!

- Social marketing research has shown that taking a written pledge, particularly with one's peers or community, is a great motivator for action (Lee and Kotler, 2008).
- Over 15,000 people have taken the WalkWise Pledge to date at over 1,200 presentations, events, and sweeps.





#### **Key Findings**

- Key findings from the collection of data through the audience response system show that learning retention was high:
  - Before the presentations, only 65 percent of valid respondents correctly answered that a pedestrian should walk on the shoulder against traffic when sidewalks are not available.
  - Immediately after the WalkWise presentation, about 90 percent of valid respondents answered correctly.





#### **Key Findings**

- A similar finding was observed for safe bicycle behavior.
  - Before the presentation, only 42 percent of respondents correctly answered that bicyclists are allowed to ride on sidewalks.
  - After the presentation approximately 93 percent correctly responded that bicyclists are allowed to ride on sidewalks mixed with pedestrians.

#### Lessons Learned

#### **Public-Private Partnerships = program success**

- Know your target market analyze statistics
- Length 15 minutes is perfect as an add-on for any existing meeting agenda
- Customization 30 minute and 1 hour presentations were also available and requested
- Content interactive & fun utilizing an ARS
- Presenters must have enthusiastic,
   knowledgeable, and committed to pedestrian safety
- Sweeps provided literature to another audience

#### Lessons Learned

- Feedback Utilize audience feedback
- Response Clients must always get quick response to requests for presentations, media requests, etc.
- Pledge Research has proven that taking pledges has proven effective, increasing the likelihood that the target market will actually follow through with a good intention.
- Referrals Always provide easy referral method



#### What's New

- New Partnerships
- Targeted Sweeps
- Social Media
  - Instagram, Youtube, Facebook, Twitter
  - Walk Brite App
- Voice Over Online Presentation
- Interactive Online Course to Reach General Public
  - Printed Certificate of Completion
  - Provides Statistics





## THANK YOU

In photo: Jennifer Bradford (WW Presenter) and attendee after presentation.

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