



What is a shade audit?

A shade audit is a process to measure the quality and location of shade in an outdoor space. We want to find out if there is **enough shade** in the **right locations** to reduce exposure to UVR for the people using the space.

We'll use what we learn to highlight positive features and make recommendations for improvements. We'll also raise awareness about designing outdoor spaces with shade in mind.

Crosby Hanna & Associates, a Landscape Architecture and Planning firm, are conducting a shade audit on behalf of Sun Smart Saskatchewan at River Landing riverfront in Saskatoon from July 25 to August 6, 2016, weather permitting.

A shade audit involves:

Interviews...

...The Shade Auditors may ask you how often you visit River Landing and what you typically do when you're here.

Observations...

...The Shade Auditors will note the locations of trees and shade structures, as well as the types of surfaces and other physical features present.

...The Shade Auditors will observe the people and activities taking place. Where do people sit? Where do they play?

...The Shade Auditors will take notes and photos to document the way the space is used at various times of the day. Unless a photo consent form is signed, photos will be used for data analysis purposes only.

Why shade?

Shade protects against the sun's rays (Ultraviolet Radiation - UVR). When used with other protective measures (wearing a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and clothing) shade provides the best protection against UVR. But unlike a hat or sunscreen, shade cannot be forgotten at home and doesn't need to be reapplied.

Well-designed outdoor spaces (at parks, pools, sports fields, schools, etc.) ensure people can enjoy their time outdoors and be protected from UVR.

