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TRAFFIC FLOW IDENTIFIER

The Traffic Flow Identifier page is a helpful tool for understanding how people move through a space. When considering the traffic flow in a room with multiple doors, it's important to identify the primary path that is taken on a daily basis. This will help to ensure that the space is organized in a way that is efficient and easy to navigate.

When considering the traffic patterns within a space, it's important to observe the ways in which people move around and interact with the environment. One way to do this is to ask yourself the following questions

1. Imagine yourself and those that use your space walking through the space. Where are you going? Why are you going there? (Refer to Activities Worksheet)

2. Is there more than one person walking through the space at the same time? Does it require a bit wider path to make it more comfortable to pass one another? _____

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3. List the activities that are performed in that space and how often. Daily? Multiple times a day? _____

4. How many doorways access the room? _____

5. Think about which of those activities requires you to walk over the same path several times making those activities inefficient. Can you move items to make that activity more efficient by moving furniture? _____

6. Are you moving through the space or going to a destination within the space? _____

7. Are there multiple paths being used? _____

8. Does a walking path currently pass through a seating group? In other words, if you were having a party and people were sitting having a conversation, would others be walking between those conversing? _____

By answering these questions, you can gain a better understanding of how traffic patterns impact the usability of the space.

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- A good way to do this is to sketch a square or the walls and doors in your room.
- Draw a line from one door to the destination spot or other door

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- Place an X at the destination spot
- Put a number on each line indicating whether 1 or more people walk that line at the same time.
- Example Sketch

