



## Space, Place and Health Outcomes

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### Message from the Guest Editors

The environment in which we live, work, and spend our time can have a direct impact on our health. Contextual factors, like social and economic features of neighborhoods, have been shown to have a significant impact on an array of health outcomes, including mortality, chronic conditions, mental health, injuries, violence, and other important health indicators. For example, unsafe neighborhoods can affect our overall wellbeing by denying us the opportunity to have physical activity and spend time outdoors. On the other hand, walkable neighborhoods, access to playgrounds, and affordable, nutritious food can encourage healthy behaviors and lifestyles.

This Special Issue of IJERPH focuses on the links between space, place, and health outcomes. We are particularly interested in studies that advance the understanding of the causal mechanisms linking environments and health outcomes or associated behavioral risk factors.





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