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STANDARD	Ensure effective geographic access to relevant services, such as public services, school, health care, social and legal assistance, a shop for daily needs, laundry and leisure activities.	The standard represents commonly agreed practice and compliance should be 'ensured' throughout national reception systems.
INDICATOR	The facility is located at a reasonable walking distance from relevant services and available infrastructure is safe for walking.	The indicator represents a tool to measure compliance with the standard, i.e. by assessing whether the distance between the housing and relevant public services can be considered 'reasonable' as a walking distance and whether the necessary infrastructure exists. Indicators listed under each standard should be understood as cumulative without an order of hierarchy among them.

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<p>ALTERNATIVE INDICATORS</p>	<p>Indicator 1.2(a): The relevant services are provided within the housing. OR</p> <p>Indicator 1.2(b): The facility is located at a reasonable walking distance from relevant services and the available infrastructure is safe for walking. OR</p> <p>Indicator 1.2(c): Relevant services are accessible by public transport and the duration of the journey is reasonable. OR</p> <p>Indicator 1.2(d): Relevant services are accessible through organised transport provided by the Member State.</p>	<p>Alternative indicators are used in situations where different options can be applied to measure compliance with the standard.</p>
<p>Additional remarks</p>	<p>This indicator should be developed in relation to a maximum specific distance, taking into account the national context and the environment such as whether there is a footpath available, whether the area is very hilly, etc. For example, a maximum 3 km to public services in general and 2 km to health care facilities and school.</p>	<p>The additional remark represents an indication as to what could constitute a 'reasonable walking distance'. In light of the different national contexts, the applicability of the 'additional remarks' might vary across EU Member States.</p>
<p>Good practice</p>	<p>Good practice on defining the location of housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is considered good practice to limit the duration of the journey by public transport to a maximum of 1.5 hours or 1 hour for health care or shop for daily needs. 	<p>Lastly, the document refers to existing 'good practice' with regards to the specific sections. The term 'good practice' does not result from a formal evaluation but is based on current practice of some Member States. While not representing a commonly agreed standard at this stage, Member States are nonetheless encouraged to consider adopting these good practices into their national systems.</p>



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