

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design attempts to reduce or eliminate opportunities for crime and other undesirable behaviors by taking into consideration the environmental conditions. By using the components of the area to control access, increase visibility, and encourage the maintenance of properties, CPTED can help accomplish crime free neighborhoods.

Changing the areas we reside in to deter criminals from committing acts in our communities is the main goal of CPTED. With urban design and the planning that goes into the creation of new and reformation of older communities, citizens in these neighborhoods and places of business can feel safer at all hours.

There are four key elements to Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design:



Surveillance : The ability to look into an area and to look back out. You should observe your property from various points. Can you see into and out of the property?

**Remove anything that obstructs your view.*

Access Control : Because many criminals look for an easy escape, limiting access into an area is a greater way to deter criminal activities.

**This could include such things as gates, fences, and even landscaping.*

Territoriality : Territoriality is the impression people get when they look at the property. Maintenance is a key issue for territoriality.

**Properties that are clean and well maintained are more likely to attract residence who take pride in their community.*

Activity Support : This involves the appropriate use of recreational facilities and common areas.

**The objective is to fill the area with valid users so the abusers will leave.*



An Officer with the Wheat Ridge Police Department will come to your home or business to evaluate and conduct a CPTED survey of the property. During the survey, the officer will assess the property and make recommendations on different crime prevention strategies specific to your property.

(The survey takes approximately one hour and is free of charge.)

To schedule a CPTED survey for your home or business, please call Officer Steve Berkowitz at 303-235-2910



Crime Prevention Tips for your home:

- ◆ Invest in dusk to dawn timers for outside lights.
- ◆ Have a minimum of a 40 watt lights outside.
- ◆ Invest in good deadbolt locks for your home.
- ◆ Never leave your home unlocked when you are not home.
- ◆ Do not leave your garage door open.
- ◆ Trim all bushes so they are not taller than three feet and 12 inches away from walls.
- ◆ Trim all trees six feet up from the ground.
- ◆ Do not give out personal information over the phone if you did not initiate the phone call.
- ◆ Do not provide any information in response to an e-mail you received.
- ◆ Call the Wheat Ridge Police to report any suspicious or criminal activity:

Non-emergency : 303-237-2220

911 Emergency



The Wheat Ridge Police Department is committed to providing the highest standards of service in partnership with the community. With this project, the Wheat Ridge Police Department aims to collaborate with community members to reduce and prevent crime and create a higher quality of life in your neighborhood.



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