



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)





What will we cover tonight?

Topics addressed in this presentation include:

- What is CPTED?
- Elements of CPTED.
- How you can apply CPTED at home?



Where does CPTED fit?

Different Approaches to Crime Prevention

- **Law Enforcement Crime Prevention** - Deterrence, incapacitation and rehabilitation (e.g. Policing, judiciary, prisons).
- **Social Crime Prevention** - Strengthening neighbourhoods and communities to increase levels of social control making those at risk feel more integrated into the community and less likely to offend (e.g. community building activities).
- **Developmental Crime Prevention** - Intervening in the lives of children early enough to make substantial difference so that they are less likely to engage in crime (e.g. parenting and educational programs).
- **Situational Crime Prevention** - Changing the environment so that it is harder or riskier for an individual to commit a crime is known as situational crime prevention (e.g. **CPTED**).
- **Combined Approach to Crime Prevention** - Logan City Council believes in a combined approach towards crime prevention, which incorporates elements of all of the above approaches.



So what is CPTED?

- The physical environment can influence people's behaviour, which leads to the productive or unproductive use of space, the by-products of which are conflict, crime/loss, fear or prevention (Crowe, 1992)
- **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)** is a crime prevention strategy, which addresses the built environment and attempts to incorporate elements of design that are likely to decrease criminal activity and increase perceptions of safety.
- The Main Objectives of CPTED are to:
 - Support desired behaviour
 - Enhance intended functionality
 - Reduce opportunities for undesired behaviour
 - Place potential offenders at a disadvantage i.e. increase risks, limit rewards.



CPTED Principles

- 1. Surveillance:** The ability to 'see' and 'be seen' at all times within an environment.
- 2. Legibility:** Legibility is about being able to easily find your way around an environment.
- 3. Territoriality:** Defining clear boundaries between public, semi-public and private spaces.
- 4. Ownership:** Crucial to the success of CPTED is the community taking 'ownership' of public spaces and feeling empowered to respond to situations in a way that will enhance the safety and security of the community.
- 5. Management:** Public places that are poorly maintained and appear to belong to nobody have an increased vulnerability to crime and inappropriate behaviours occurring.
- 6. Vulnerability:** Isolated or hidden places provide opportunities for crime and are more vulnerable, as well as some types of people being more vulnerable than others.



CPTED Around the Home

- **Offenders who commit unlawful entry crimes (i.e. break and enter) are often opportunistic:**
 - An open window.
 - An unlocked door.
 - An open garage.
 - A house with a high, solid fence.
 - Valuables, such as jewellery or car keys, visible through a door or window.





Applying CPTED Principles Around the Home

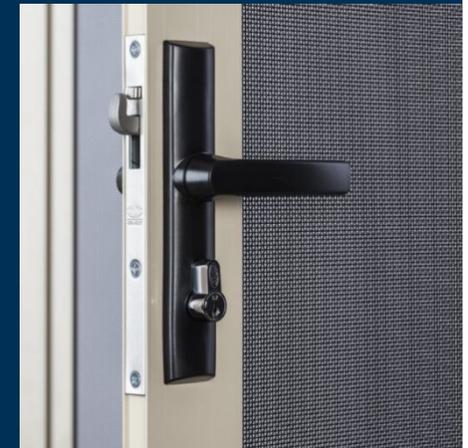
- Is your house number clearly visible from the road?
- Are the gates to your yard locked?
- Are loose items of value, such as tools and bicycles locked away in a garage or garden shed?





Applying CPTED Principles Around the Home

- Is the boundary between your property and the public footpath clearly defined?
- Are your valuables secure and stored out of public view? For example, can't be seen through a window or the front door of your house.
- Do you have lockable security doors and screens?
- Do you have lighting outside the main entry point to your home?





Application of CPTED

- Will not eliminate all crime.
- Will reduce the opportunity for specific types of crime to occur.
- Will enhance the feelings of safety for many users of a space.





Any questions?

Thank-you

More information on CPTED is available on Council's website:
www.logan.qld.gov.au/community-support/safety/design-for-safety

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