

How does CPTED impact me?

CPTED impacts each citizen by increasing safety, promoting secure environments and improving the appearance of neighborhoods and public amenities.

How is it accomplished?

By establishing a policy and regulatory framework for a physical design which can include:

1. Landscape Plan
2. Street Lighting Plan
3. Access Controls
4. Street Design
5. Traffic Controls
6. Demolition of Structures
7. Lot Clearing
8. Sidewalk Improvements
9. Beautification
10. Parks Improvement
11. Community Clean-ups
12. Traffic Calming
13. Maintenance



Program Goals

The goal of CPTED is to reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the design of structures or in the design of neighborhoods.

This goal is accomplished through the involvement of CPTED trained law enforcement personnel in the planning, development and design review of community projects.

CPTED uses various tools to evaluate environmental conditions and utilize intervention methods to control human and/or criminal behavior and reduce the fear of crime.



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CPTED



**Reduce your chance of
becoming a crime
victim by changing
your surroundings.**

CRIME

PREVENTION

THROUGH

ENVIRONMENTAL

DESIGN



What is CPTED?

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, (pronounced SEP-TED) is a concept that involves several proven methods of reducing opportunities for crime. The concept of CPTED is a proactive approach where the focus of reducing crime shifts from the criminal element to that of the environment which the potential victim lives and works. Being able to anticipate or recognize vulnerabilities and crime risks provides valuable input into how an environment should be designed and operated.

CPTED is defined as “ the *proper design and effective use of the built environment* that can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life. ”

CPTED is based on these three overlapping strategies:

1. Natural surveillance
2. Natural access control
3. Territorial reinforcement

Natural Surveillance

Whether from windows, security cameras, lighting, or personal vision, increasing the chance of exposure is a deterrent to criminal activity.

Territorial reinforcement

This strategy is one that fosters a “vested interest” in the environment. When people feel that the area they live or work “belongs” to them, they will be more protective and concerned about its potential for crime.

Natural Access Control

Natural access control employs elements such as doors, shrubs, fences, and gates to deny admission to an area and create a perception to the offender that there is a risk in selecting the target. Physical and mechanical means of access control (locks, bars and alarms) can supplement natural access control measures if needed.

How CPTED works for you

Plan Reviews: Advice can be given in the “blueprint” stage that will address not only CPTED strategies, but also target hardening recommendations.

Security Surveys: Conducted to make your living and workplaces more secure and safe for employees and customers.

Consulting Services: CPTED professionals generally can also assist in advising in the development and implementation of integrated “security procedures” for companies.

CPTED IN EVERY COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD

