



A RATING FOR THEFT:  
(HOW CRAVED IS AN OBJECT?)

- C**oncealable
- R**emovable
- A**vailable
- V**aluable
- E**njoyable
- D**isposable



## WHAT IS CPTED?

CPTED (pronounced: sep-ted) is an approach to crime prevention based on principles that can be applied easily and inexpensively to remodeling or building.

Its goal is to use physical space to impact criminal decisions and behavior, while improving productivity and profit.

*The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime, as well as an improvement of the quality of life.*

CPTED as defined by the National Crime Prevention Institute

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**CRIME PREVENTION  
THROUGH  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
DESIGN  
(CPTED)**

## FOUR OVERLAPPING CPTED STRATEGIES:



- **Natural Surveillance:**

A design concept directed primarily at keeping intruders under observation. It promotes features that maximize visibility of people, parking areas and building entrances.

- **Territorial Reinforcement:**

Physical design can create or extend a sphere of influence, allowing users to develop a sense of territorial control while potential offenders, perceiving this control, may be discouraged from committing a crime. This results in a perceived increase in risk to being observed, caught and punished.

- **Natural Access Control:**

A design concept directed primarily to decrease crime opportunity by denying access to crime targets, resulting in a perception of risk to potential offenders.

- **Target Hardening:**

Accomplished by features that prohibit entry or access (window locks, dead bolts for doors, interior door hinges).

## CRIMES OF OPPORTUNITY

Crimes of opportunity are defined as crimes that occur in public places, business premises, and private properties, in which the environment allows the potential offender to carry out the act with limited risk.

The environment can help reduce the opportunity for crime. The goal is to create environments which enable people to manage their own safety and security effectively. Potential offenders will look for opportunity. Reducing the opportunities will reduce the likelihood of potential crime.



**CRIME PREVENTION:**  
*It starts with you!*

## TIPS ON HOW NOT TO BE A TARGET FOR GRAFFITI

1. Rough surfaces are unappealing
2. Dark colored surfaces
3. Use of anti-graffiti paint
4. Clean or freshly painted surfaces
5. Presence of shrubbery

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS?

The best way to keep crime out of our neighbourhoods is to keep ourselves involved in crime prevention. Get to know your neighbours and discuss an effective crime prevention strategy for your area.

Even if unsuspecting bystanders or vehicles seen at the time may not actually be involved in a criminal activity, this information can help the police investigation.

What may appear as insignificant information to you could actually be the information needed for police officers to link the pieces together in a crime investigation. Potential offenders don't like marked property that is readily identifiable. Not only does placing identifying numbers on property deter would-be thieves, it also assists police in the recovery and return of items to the rightful owner.

Potential offenders look for areas where neighbours appear to mind their own business. They often avoid neighbourhoods and streets where everyone knows each other and has regular contact. For this reason, consider getting involved with a local Neighbourhood Watch or Rural Crime Watch Association.



## THINK PROACTIVELY!

Where would you break in? What would make the crime more difficult to commit? Are the doors solid? Are the windows break resistant? Would you be visible by the public or a surveillance camera? What are the risks of being caught? Is there a security system? How would you escape?

The CPTED approach to security design originated in the 1970's. There is renewed interest because there is now increased emphasis to design facilities that work to limit criminal activity.