



## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

### How Does it work?

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) goes beyond traditional security methods by naturally integrating security measures into the community.

CPTED works by decreasing a criminal's ability to commit crime. It also increases the chances that a legitimate resident will see and report the crime as it occurs.

CPTED works by the use of four overlapping strategies. Each strategy employs a slightly different method of sending a clear message to criminals that a responsible person is nearby and their activity is not welcome.

If done properly CPTED helps to create guardians to "defend" property. CPTED applies to both residential and commercial properties.

### What is It?

*"...a crime prevention philosophy based on the theory that 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 in the quality of life."*

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### The Four Strategies

- ◆ **Access Control** is the design of an area to physically obstruct or guide access by people and vehicles.
- ◆ **Natural Surveillance** is the design of an area so as to allow the greatest visibility by citizens.
- ◆ **Territorial Reinforcement** deals with how space is defined. It shows the transition from public space to private spaces.
- ◆ **Maintenance** refers to the basic upkeep and repair of the area.