



# crime prevention

## THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

CPTED 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.



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## Designing for Safety



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## How CPTED WORKS for You

### Plan Reviews

Advice can be given in the “blueprint” stage that will address CPTED strategies.

### 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 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 5 OVERLAPPING STRATEGIES:

#### 1 NATURAL SURVEILLANCE

Whether through windows, improved lighting, or personal awareness, increasing visibility reduces the likelihood of criminal activity.



#### 2 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.



#### 3 NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL

Natural access control uses elements like doors, shrubs, fences, and gates to deter entry and create the perception of risk for offenders.



#### 4 ACTIVITY SUPPORT

Using the environment to promote positive activities and discourage negative ones, such as encouraging use of well-lit, maintained spaces while deterring activity in neglected areas.



#### 5 MAINTENANCE

Maintaining a clean, functional environment to prevent criminal activity and foster a sense of order and care deters crime.



**EAPC has multiple individuals that  
have earned the CPTED designation.**