



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

I.C.P. Consulting

Changing the way we look at safety.

The Community Planner

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It is our mission to work with the community in partnership to reduce and deter crime in our neighborhoods and businesses. I.C.P. Consulting was formed in 2014 and since then we have worked in creating a strong partnership with the Toledo Police Department, community leaders, property managers, and business owners to implement strategies to limit criminal opportunities. The Community Planner newsletter will provide insight as to how you can play a proactive role in the preserving and sustaining of your neighborhood and businesses from being targeted for criminal activity.

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STOP

.....and think about it.
Representing ownership on your property by maintaining the grounds and personalizing it, sends the message to would be criminals that you care about what happens there and illicit behavior is not tolerated.

Quick Tip

Remove anything that prevents a clear line of sight. Keep bushes trimmed low and tree canopies high. Privacy fences should be complimented with motion lighting, or thorny bushes to deter entry over the fence. Obstructed sight lines only provides for more opportunity for criminals to target your property or use obstructions as ambush points.



Better Together

Move Your Block Watch

Block watch or safety social meetings play a significant part in building and maintaining a safe community. Its critical to get as many people involved as there is always power in numbers. Equally important is to get out and walk the neighborhood. Neighbors and police walking the problem areas send the message that change is coming and you are working together. Let would be criminals see your efforts, and more reluctant neighbors will want to join in.



CPTED Highlights

Principle 1: Natural Surveillance

Examples of Natural Surveillance

1. Channeling the flow of activities to put more people (observers) near a potential crime area. Placing safe activities in unsafe areas represents ownership and in turn defines what that space's intended purpose is.
2. The addition of windows or seating to monitor areas allows for "eyes on the street". Crime is likely to occur if there is a witness.
3. Improve lighting, and placement of lighting in vulnerable areas to increase the risk of getting caught or be seen.
4. Remove obstructions - create a clear line of sight for neighbors or police passing by



The truth about CPTED.....

Crime is a social problem in our society that affects thousands of people's lives each year. Serious crimes against persons and properties generate considerable fear within the community. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) asserts that the community, homeowners, planners, developers, and architects can play a greater role in protecting the community and themselves from crime by integrating CPTED principles and concepts in the design and management of the physical environment.

Community Strategies

If you want your home secure, then make sure its done properly.....

Most deadbolts today are 1 inch long (25.4mm). The 1 inch bolt extends into the door frame. The deadbolt strike plate gives the 1 inch bolt an anchor point to deter or thwart the door from getting kicked in. If only part of the strike plate is installed, or completely omitted, the lock only offers a false sense of security.



Way-finding or directional signs that are strategically placed contribute to a feeling of security. Having addresses lit up at night allow for easier visibility for visitors or emergency units. Would be criminals easily take advantage of visitors who clearly are lost due to poor way-finding. Prevent becoming a target by making routes clearly visible and informative with clear and precise messages.



Business Corner

As a business owner employees and patrons have a reasonable expectation that their property and themselves are working and entering a safe business or place of work. Identifying strategies to reduce opportunities for crime will provide for a less sense of fear from employees and patrons and in turn reduce potential costly law suits involving premise liability for the owner.

1 Control access to your business



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