

# Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design: Creating Safe and Vibrant Communities

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## Assessment Check List

### Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

is a proactive technique in which the proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of and incidents of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.

CPTED PRINCIPLE	WHAT TO LOOK FOR?
<p><b>Natural Surveillance</b></p> <p>Seeing into and out of a place is fundamental to safety. Natural surveillance allows site users the ability to see and be seen. The ability to see well should be a feature of the normal, everyday use of a space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the front entrance visible from the street and driveway?</li> <li>• Are there windows on all sides of the building to allow for full view of the property?</li> <li>• Is landscaping maintained to allow for visibility to the street?</li> <li>• Are there blind corners or recessed areas with limited visibility?</li> <li>• Is there natural surveillance of gathering areas and youth hang out spaces?</li> <li>• Are public utilities- telephones, restrooms, ATMs, transit stops and shelters visible?</li> <li>• Do fence and gate design allow for visibility?</li> <li>• Are interior activity and congregation areas oriented to allow for visibility to the outdoors?</li> <li>• Are there clear views of street parking, driveways, parking lots, and garages?</li> <li>• What would make it easier to see? (angled corners, mirrors, trimmed bushes etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Natural Access Control</b></p> <p>Strategies that guide people to and through a site and clarify which parts of the site they are encouraged to use. Access control must match the designation for the space. For example, a park will have less access control than a private residence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the design of walkways, porches, and other features direct visitors to entrances and away from private areas?</li> <li>• Do trees, trashcans, and other features allow for easy access to the 2nd story via windows or balconies? If so, what changes can be made?</li> <li>• Do entrances have at least at 180 view, including through the peep hole?</li> <li>• Are door locks located a minimum of 40 inches from adjacent windows?</li> <li>• Are business hours posted and in a visible location?</li> <li>• Do all doors, windows, and garages have locks?</li> <li>• Are there directional signs nearby?</li> <li>• Are there signs to show you where to seek emergency assistance?</li> <li>• What signs should be added?</li> </ul>