



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

CPTED combines proper design and effective uses of the environment to increase security and improve the quality of life.

Apply simple CPTED practices into your design shows your commitment to your property and will decrease crime by 60%*.



1. LIGHT IT

Replace all light fixtures with "dark skies" fixtures and install LED lighting.

These fixtures eliminate glare and shadows that make it easy for trespassers to hide.

LED lighting allows true colors to be seen at night (and lowers your electricity bills).



2. RECORD IT

Surveillance is your 24/7 witness to help law enforcement catch criminals.

Invest in quality surveillance with remote viewing.



3. SCREEN IT

Attractive screens maintain privacy and deter graffiti, while allowing visibility into your property.

Hidden spaces attract unwanted behavior.



4. ROCK IT

Landscape rocks, such as river rock, deter long-term standing or resting



5. LOCK IT

Cover and lock all dumpster enclosures

Unlocked dumpsters invite "recyclers" onto property and unwanted activity



6. BLOCK IT

Block roll-up doors with vehicles or heavy equipment to prevent break-ins at night



7. TRIM IT

Eliminate hiding areas and open the line of sight to increase surveillance.

Use the landscaping 2 foot/6 foot rule: Trim branches 6 feet from the ground. Cut bush to 2 feet in height.

To have a no-cost crime prevention consultation with a certified CPTED Specialist, call Dawn Carlson (916) 453-8888

*National Institute of Crime Prevention

