Is there **CPTED** in your neighborhood???

*CPTED* stands for **C**rime **P**revention **T**hrough **E**nvironmental **D**esign and it's a good thing! How a house and property is maintained can lead to a reduction in crime and a better quality of life for residents.

An owner *or* renter can make a home more secure and create a neighborhood that does not invite and support crime by following some very simple guidelines!!!

**Lighting:**
- Keep lights on near all entrances - Even a low wattage bulb (25) is better than no light
- Install *dusk to dawn light sensors*, no need to be home to turn on lights
- Install *motion sensor* lighting – set the timer for a short period of time so you can tell if someone is still around

**Security:**
- Install a sturdy deadbolt lock on all entrances and make a habit of locking all doors and windows
- Install a "peephole" in your door or look out a window and check before opening the door
- Don't advertise the purchase of new household goods, especially entertainment items and small appliances – make sure you cut up or crush all of the boxes
- Keep your garage door closed and locked at all times
- Keep all yard items, bicycles etc. in locked storage sheds
- Lock your car and keep anything of value (even change) out of sight

**Landscaping:**
- Do not provide hiding places for criminals - keep shrubs trimmed, especially at the bottom so you can see criminals hiding!
- Make sure that windows and entries are visible from the street and neighbors houses
- Plant uninviting thorny plants like Bougainvillea under windows
- Plant low hedges or install low fencing to define your property boundary

**Problem property in your neighborhood???
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