

# 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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