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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is the proper design, maintenance, and use of the built environment to enhance the quality of life and reduce the incidence and fear of crime. This form provides an outline of CPTED strategies that can help make your residence more crime resistant and increase your overall feeling of safety.

Understanding CPTED Principles

Natural Surveillance

Design and maintenance that allows and encourages people engaged in their normal activities to observe the space around them, as well as, eliminating hiding places where people can engage in criminal activity. Natural surveillance helps create a sense of risk for people contemplating unlawful acts.

Access Control

Identifying and decreasing accessibility which would prompt people to engage in unwanted or criminal behavior. Especially vulnerable spaces such as poorly-lit allies or unlocked windows and doors.

Territoriality

Defining territorial property lines and distinguishing private space. Creating a space that communicates to people the expectation of the space and how to use it. Marking territorial expectations helps to build a sense of community responsibility by the intended users.

Categories of CPTED

Natural/Passive

Things that are designed in (e.g. benches, shrubbery) and do not require any active effort on the part of the responsible user.

Organized/Active

Planned activities and routines that create community engagement (e.g. block parties, flea markets, community garage sales).

Mechanical

Installing/using equipment to achieve the principle (e.g. security cameras, alarms).

Natural Surveillance

The following questions are a guide to allow you to see where you may need to focus in your CPTED process. This activity is for your own personal use. Consider putting a reminder in your calendar to check CPTED maintenance regularly.

Natural/Passive

- (1) Is landscaping selected and trimmed so entrances and ground floor windows are visible from the street and/or from neighbors' houses? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Is landscaping selected and trimmed to prevent places of concealment for unauthorized users and prevent hiding places for illegal activity? Yes Somewhat No
- (3) Is the fence designed to allow visibility and prevent someone from hiding behind it without being seen? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Organized/Active

- (1) Are neighbors acquainted with one another and active in gardening or other activities on the street? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) If your neighborhood has a Neighborhood Watch, is your Neighborhood Watch active and communicating to one another? (e.g. sharing information and suspicious activities.)
 Yes Somewhat No
- (3) Do you spend time outside, going for walks, gardening, etc.? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Mechanical

- (1) Are there wide-angle viewers (peep-holes) on all entrances, and/or a window in the door or immediately adjacent to it? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Does outside light provide a soft, even light around the residence, without deep shadows, bright glare, or color distortion? Yes Somewhat No
- (3) Are your lights set on a timer or motion sensor? Yes Somewhat No
- (4) Are there alarm systems in use? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Access Control

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Natural/Passive

- (1) Are there clear pathways to designated entryways and places on the property where people are allowed/directed to walk? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Has prickly or thorny vegetation been planted to prevent easy access to the first-floor windows and non-primary access points? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Organized/Active

- (1) Are all windows and doors, including the garage, shut and locked whenever they are not in active use? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) When hiring contractors, including landscapers and house cleaners, are references checked and businesses verified? Yes Somewhat No
- (3) Are you using window covers and/or are valuables, including mail, stored out of plain site? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Mechanical

- (1) Are your exterior doors and/or gates, fitted with security locks, (e.g. deadbolt, chain, doorknob lock, etc.) safe material, and proper hinges? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Do all your windows have the ability to be locked and/or secured shut, including windows that are holding air conditioning units? Yes Somewhat No
- (3) Are bicycles, tools, and other maintenance equipment stored in a locked and secured garage or shed? Yes Somewhat No
- (4) Are all your sensitive documents stored in a secured location and/or shredded when they are disposed of? Yes Somewhat No

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Territoriality

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Natural/Passive

- (1) Are there clear transitions between sidewalks or public/private property (e.g. pavement textures)? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Are there physical barriers (e.g. fence, shrubbery, etc.) being used to mark the territorial property lines? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Organized/Active

- (1) When residents are absent, is an appearance of occupancy created by setting exterior or interior lights on timers, holding mail, or property check-ins? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Do residents organize litter patrols or other activities to maintain the look and feel of the neighborhood (owning the space)? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____

Mechanical

- (1) Are street signs and house address numbers visible from a reasonable distance, and properly lit at night? Yes Somewhat No
- (2) Are property inventories taken? Recording valuable items serial numbers, photos, receipts or other useful identifiers in the event that property is stolen. Yes Somewhat No
- (3) For items without serial numbers, have you engraved an identifying number on them and recorded it? **Do not use personal IDs** (e.g. social, driver license) Yes Somewhat No
- (4) Are there signs (e.g. no trespass, private property) marking your property in a reasonable location, visible to a reasonable person? Yes Somewhat No

Notes: _____
