



DESIGN OUT CRIME. DESIGN IN VALUE.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) combines proper design and effective uses of the environment to increase security and improve the quality of life.

Applying simple CPTED practices into your design shows your commitment to your property and decreases 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.

Place cameras inside and outside facility.



3. SCREEN IT

Attractive screens maintain privacy and deter graffiti.

Unwanted activity cannot go unnoticed.



4. ROCK IT

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



5. LOCK IT

Keep your dumpsters locked and inside enclosures.

Unlocked dumpsters invite “recyclers” onto property and invites 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 natural surveillance.

Use the 2’/6’ rule for landscaping: Trim branches 6 feet from the ground. Cut all bushes 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