

- ⇒ Place motion sensor lights at all entry points into your residence.



Management and Maintenance.
These ideas are meant to display active ownership of the property.

- ⇒ Do not put your name on your home or mailbox, but do clearly display your home's address so that it is legible from the roadway.



- ⇒ Discourage loitering by non-residents. Know who does and does not belong in your neighborhood and contact law enforcement if someone suspicious is present.
- ⇒ Complete regular maintenance on your home and property to convey your active presence. Remove inoperable vehicles, trash, and debris. Replace burnt out light bulbs. Maintain your lawns and landscape.
- ⇒ If you rent your property to others, enforce the occupancy provisions of their lease. This gives prior notice to your renter that criminal activity will not be tolerated and is grounds for eviction.

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CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

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CPTED is an approach to crime prevention that uses architectural design and the management of natural and built environments to reduce the opportunity for crime.



There are three facets to criminal activity. They are desire, ability, and opportunity. Opportunity is the only facet that we can truly alter.

A criminal makes the decision to offend based on risk/reward. If the risk of apprehension is greater than the perceived reward, then the opportunity for crime is reduced.

With Florida's year-round good weather, many residents enjoy working in their yards. While landscaping and plant growth can contribute to the aesthetics of a private residence, multi-resident unit, private business, or government building, they can also unintentionally provide hiding spaces for persons with

criminal intent. By choosing suitable plants and placing them appropriately, residents can have an attractive lawn and reduce the potential for criminal activity. This is where Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) comes in.

CPTED KEY CONCEPTS

Surveillance creates the risk of detection for intruders by maximizing the visibility of your home.

- ⇒ Increase your outdoor activities.
- ⇒ Do not allow vegetation to block the view of your home's entry points. Keep bushes trimmed low to 3' and your trees trimmed high to 6'. The idea is that anyone driving or walking by can see through them and notice any criminal activity.
- ⇒ When you are home, leave your blinds open so that you can see what is going on around your home and on your street. If you see something suspicious, report it to law enforcement.
- ⇒ Use the shortest, least sight-limiting fence appropriate for the situation.
- ⇒ Place lighting along pathways to illuminate the faces of visitors (or criminals).



Access Control. Deter access to your home by creating a perception of risk to would-be criminals.

- ⇒ Lock your doors, windows, garages, sheds, and your vehicle. Do not leave valuables in plain sight.
- ⇒ Consider installing an alarm system. Make sure you advertise your alarm system on the exterior of your home.
- ⇒ Make use of hostile vegetation. Plant low, thorny bushes and plants under windows and next to fences to discourage intrusion. Some examples are blackberry, bougainvillea, common holly, crown of thorns, and pyracantha (pictured).



- ⇒ Use a locking gate between front and back yards.

Territorial Reinforcement is designed to make the homeowner feel safe and secure while making any potential offender fear detection.

- ⇒ Use physical attributes like flowers, rock gardens, decorative lighting, and "No Trespassing" signs to indicate ownership and responsibility.