

# Crime Prevention through Environmental Design CPTED

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# The Crime Prevention Unit



Policy  
Development

**Provide advice on  
crime prevention  
policy and practice**

Operational  
Function

**Develop, support and  
fund community-  
based action**

The Crime  
Reduction  
Strategy

**Support government's  
crime reduction  
strategic priorities**

# Methods of Reducing Crime



## criminality prevention

focuses on reducing offending behaviour by tackling the 'risk factors' linked to offending

## situational prevention

aims to reduce crime by making it more difficult, increasing risks and reducing rewards

## tertiary prevention

aims to detect and rehabilitate offenders

# Situational Crime Prevention

- Most offending is opportunistic
- Reducing opportunities reduces crime
- Situational prevention changes the situation in which crime takes place
- Works best where crime is focused
- Reduces the motivation, ease or benefit to commit offences in a particular environment



# Examples of Situational Prevention

From simple to complex

- Location of security staff
- Playground swings
- Coin operated phone boxes
- Fraud prevention in credit cards - chips
- Television self-identification



# CPTED

- Building situational crime prevention thinking into environmental design
- Design-out the opportunities for crime
- Improve community safety and feelings of safety
- Encourage positive use of public space
- But - not the 'magic bullet'



# CPTED in New Zealand

For some years there has been:

- Widespread but not consistent knowledge of CPTED concepts
- Use of CPTED

But...

- No national framework
- A lack of local training
- Limited funding



# CPTED National Guidelines

## Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)

1. Access
2. Surveillance
3. Layout
4. Activity mix
5. Ownership
6. Quality environment
7. Physical protection



National Guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design in New Zealand

### Part 1: Seven Qualities of Safer Places

 URBAN DESIGN PRACTICE



# Implementing Safer Design in New Zealand The CPTED DVD

- To support the detail provided in the guidance documents
- Designed as a learning tool
- A catalyst for local discussion and debate
- Visible demonstration of CPTED principles in action
- Implementation of CPTED in real life



# CPTED Overview Video



# How to use the DVD

- Can be used on PC or home DVD player
- Should be self-explanatory
- Useful in a group setting or as a self-learning tool
- Not to be used as a series of templates
- Each situation requires a unique answer
- Only the principles are universal



# Learning and Discussion

- Gives examples of typical problems
- Poses questions and provides some options for responses
- These are not the answers but are visual cues for local debate and discussion



# Support Work to Date

- Contestable Funding Round
  - Grants to 28 Territorial Authorities
- Training
  - Development of national introductory training programme
  - Delivery on-going
- Work to develop accreditation of CPTED in tertiary qualifications
- Advice to Housing New Zealand Corp



# Where to from here?

- Support for this conference
- Evaluation of four CPTED sites
  - Waitakere
  - Christchurch
  - Palmerston North
  - Tokoroa
- Build CPTED into Business as Usual



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# Thank you for listening

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