

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is the physical design of an environment may deter or completely eliminate crime. The 4 CPTED principles here are the principles on how to effectively design your environment to reduce the opportunity for crime to occur.

CPTED principles can be easy and cost-effective when remodeling or building. Implementing these principles increases safety, reduces the opportunity for crime and improves the appearance of farmyards, neighborhoods and public spaces.

Criminals learn to recognize potentially good or bad places or situations for crime. Good CPTED practices will make your property less desirable for criminals.

It is our responsibility as residents and business owners to prevent crime from happening. Remember prevention is always better than detection.



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# How to Effectively Design Your Environment

## 4 Main CPTED Principles:

### 1. Natural Surveillance

A design concept directed at keeping intruders visible by the placement of physical features. Landscaping should also be considered under Natural Surveillance to ensure a clear and unobstructed view.

Examples:

- Trimmed trees/bushes
- lighting
- Security cameras, Etc.

### 2. Territorial Reinforcement

A strategy which shows people there is a vested interest or ownership of the area. Showing that people care about what happens in that area.

Examples:

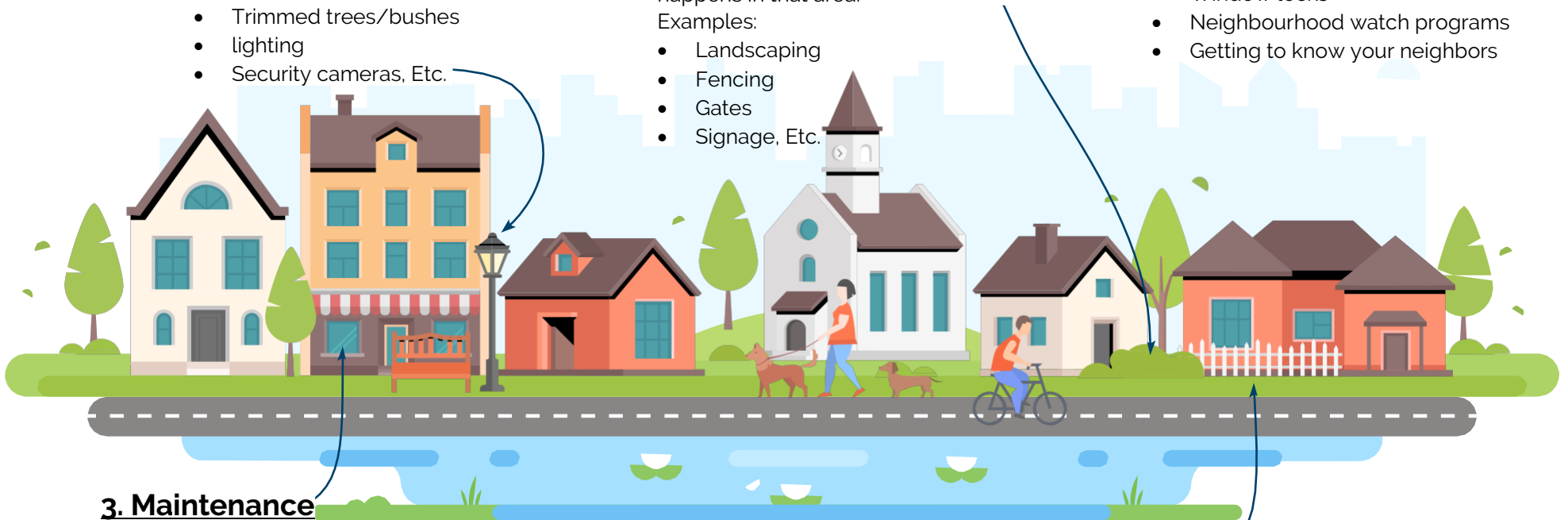
- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Gates
- Signage, Etc.

### Additional Strategies that support CPTED Principles

Target Hardening and Community activities/ programs are additional strategies that help support the 4 main CPTED Principles.

Examples of these strategies are:

- Surveillance Cameras
- Door security
- Window locks
- Neighbourhood watch programs
- Getting to know your neighbors



### 3. Maintenance

The idea that the maintenance and upkeep of the property shows a sense of care for the property. If a property becomes overgrown and not cared for it encourages more crime or vandalism to occur.

Examples:

- Well-trimmed bushes
- Cleaned property, Etc.

### 4. Access Control

The idea that people are physically guided through a space by the strategic design of elements.

Examples:

- Driveways
- Gates
- Fences
- Walking paths, Etc.

