

CPTED is an approach to crime prevention using physical space to impact criminal decisions and behaviour. The goal of CPTED is to reduce the opportunities for crime to occur. These strategies help to make it undesirable or more difficult, leading criminals to choose other locations to commit crime.

CPTED principles can be easy and cost-effective when remodeling or building. Implementing these principles increases safety and improves the appearance of farm yards, neighbourhoods and public spaces.

Criminals learn to recognize potentially good or bad places or situations for crime. Good CPTED practices make people feel more secure.

It is our responsibility as residents and business owners to prevent crime from happening – prevention is better than detection. It is the public's role to prevent crime, and the police's duty to detect it.



Consider joining a crime watch group which can provide information on current criminal activity in your area.

MORE INFORMATION



Leduc Rural Crime Watch Association

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CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)



In case of emergency:

Call 9-1-1

or

Leduc RCMP at 780-980-RCMP (7267)



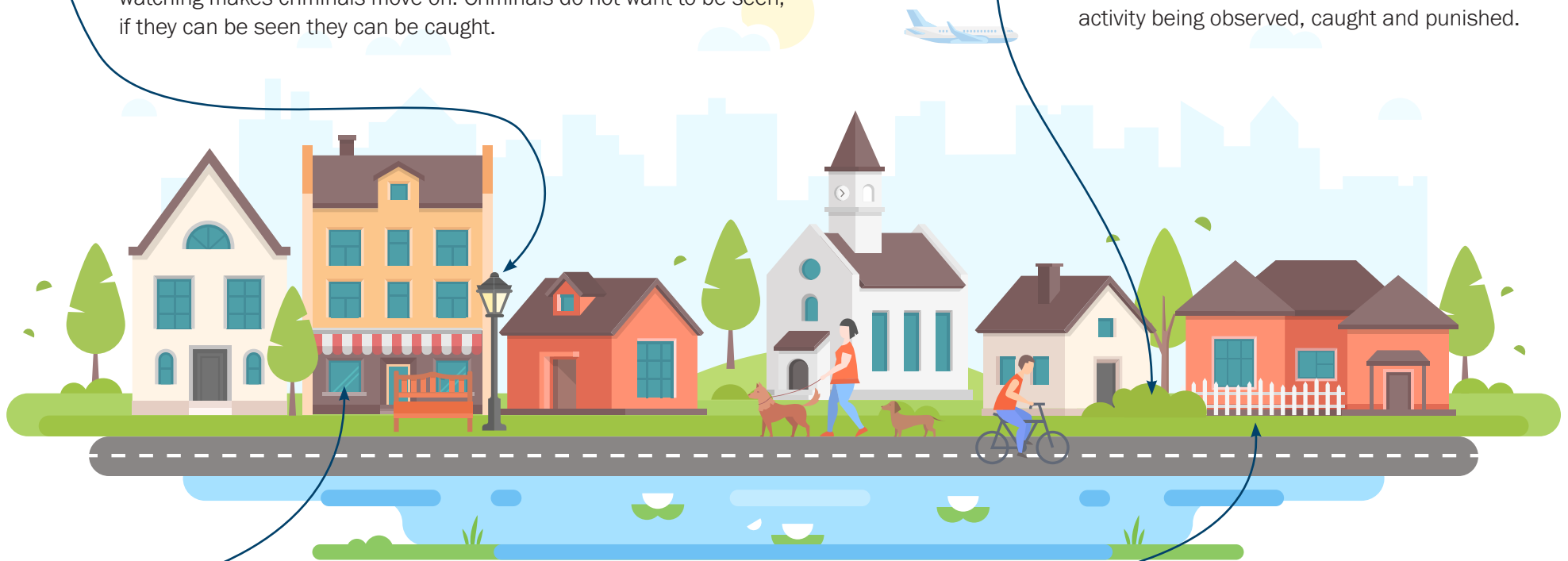
Our partners endeavour to be leaders in crime prevention by assisting residents and business with the adoption of best practices to reduce crime.

CPTED's Four Strategies

Natural Surveillance

Natural surveillance is a design concept directed at keeping intruders visible by the placement of physical features, activities and people. Implementing landscape features that allow a clear and unobstructed view of the surrounding area, like windows, lighting and trimmed greenery helps prevent hiding spots and areas that can allow someone to not be seen. Windows, lighting, security cameras increase the chance of exposure – the feeling that someone may be watching makes criminals move on. Criminals do not want to be seen, if they can be seen they can be caught.

Territorial Reinforcement is a strategy that shows that there is vested interest or ownership of the area. People who live or work there care about what happens in that area. This can be accomplished through landscaping, ditches, fencing, gates, low shrubbery, and signage. The result is a perceived increase in risk of criminal activity being observed, caught and punished.



Maintenance

Maintenance proves that the space is being used as it was intended to be, and that someone cares for the property. If a property becomes overgrown or is an area that has broken windows, graffiti or otherwise vandalized – it encourages more vandalism and graffiti.

Natural Access Control

People are physically guided through space by the strategic design of elements such as ditches, driveways, gates, fences and paths. This controls access to the site and creates the perception that there is a risk in selecting that property. Physical and mechanical means of access control (locks, alarm systems, video or camera surveillance) can supplement natural access control measures if needed.

