

## The CPTED Concept

The recommendations made in this brochure are based on concepts and strategies of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). The CPTED concept is that the proper design & effective use of the built environment can lead to the reduction of crime & improvement in the quality of life. CPTED involves five overlapping strategies:

**Natural Surveillance** – a design concept intended to allow intruders & offenders to be easily viewable to people passing the property & those using the property.

**Territorial Reinforcement** – A design strategy to distinguishing private spaces from public spaces. It utilizes landscaping, pavement designs, art, gate areas, and “CPTED” recommended fences. Territorial Reinforcement fosters a sense of ownership and helps deter abuse or unwanted acts that may occur in that space.

**Natural Access Control** – A strategy intended to decrease the opportunity for offending by denying access to a crime target & increasing the perception of risk to the offender.

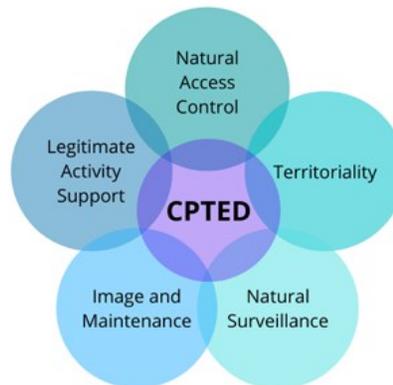
**Maintenance** – Allows for the continued use of a space for its intended purpose. It also serves as an additional expression of ownership.

**Target Hardening** – Enhancing the physical security of a crime target through the use of locks, door & window types, security alarms & other crime prevention methods.

For more information on CPTED concepts and ideas, visit the National Crime Prevention Council’s website, [www.ncpc.org](http://www.ncpc.org).

For crime prevention questions, or to start or join a Neighborhood Watch program, call the Carpentersville Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 847-551-3481

For questions regarding landscaping or fencing and local ordinances, call the Carpentersville Code Enforcement at 847-551-3478



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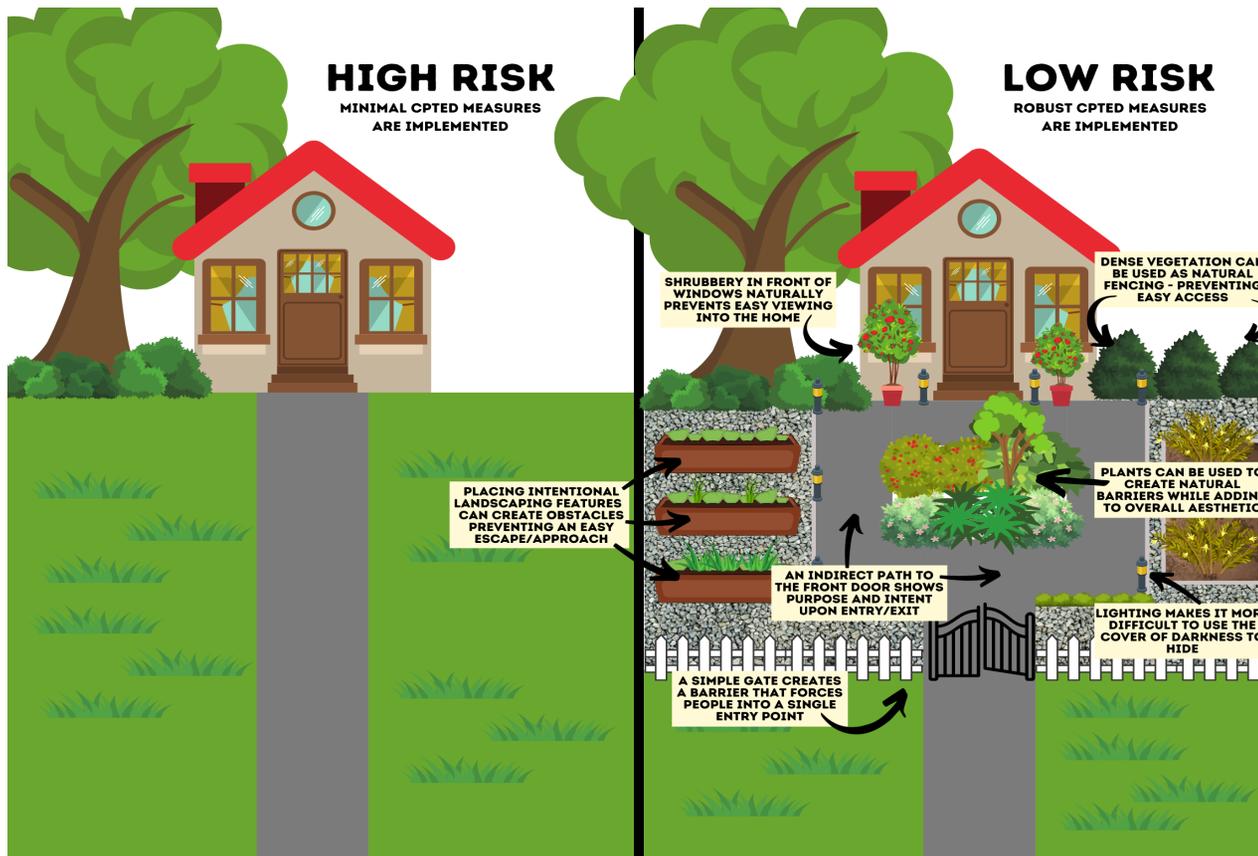
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# CPTED

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED, pronounced sep-ted) helps us to create healthy, safe communities through well planned environmental design.**



## Can CPTED be applied anytime, to any property?

Yes! CPTED principles can be applied to a business, home, school, playground, park, neighborhood, etc. that is already in existence. Ideas include:

- Add a timer to your porch and yard lights.
- Fully illuminate all doorways that open to the outside.
- Trim trees up to 7' above the ground level.
- Prune bushes down to 3' tall.
- Add short thorny bushes under windows.
- Keep sidewalks clear, defined, and well lit.
- Keep landscaping and common areas well maintained.
- Avoid landscaping that might create blind spots or hiding places.
- Mark property boundaries with hedges, low fences, or gates.
- Place play areas within view, so children can be observed by residents.
- Post addresses and numbers in large contrasting colors to the building.



## CPTED Maintenance

- Remove gang graffiti as soon as possible.
- Repair damaged and unsafe structures, or in some instances, tear them down.
- Maintain landscaping and lighting.
- Cut grass and weeds, and keep trees and shrubs from becoming overgrown.
- Keep yards free of junk vehicles and other use-less property.