

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

For more information, including additional CPTED resources, visit campbellriver.ca/CPTED.

Help protect your property and assets against crime, and contribute to a safer, more vibrant community.



To report a crime, contact:

RCMP non-emergency line	250-286-6221
Emergencies	911
Victim Services	250-286-5606
Crime Stoppers	1-800-222-8477
Online Crime Reporting	ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/campbellriver

To report a Bylaw complaint related to public nuisance, disorder and unsightly premises, contact:

Bylaw Enforcement Department (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays)	250-286-5776 or bylaw@campbellriver.ca 1302 Shoppers Row, Campbell River
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To report a Bylaw complaint related to public nuisance and disorder after hours, contact:

RCMP (after hours and weekends) 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 a.m.	250-286-6221
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Disclosure:

Information is provided by the City of Campbell River. This document offers suggestions that can improve the safety of properties but is not a complete list.

WHAT IS CPTED?

CPTED focuses on how we design our spaces to reduce fear and incidence of crime and improve quality of life.

CPTED strategies can be applied during design and building, or to existing spaces. There are many ways we can improve single-family homes, multi-family properties, businesses, neighbourhoods, parking garages and bus stops, educational institutions, industrial areas, and parks, through CPTED.

There is no “one size fits all” approach to deterring crime and increasing perceptions of safety. CPTED applications must be adaptable, creative, and context-specific, to be effective. They should also complement urban design quality and encourage a sense of place.

CPTED provides simple, cost-effective solutions that are proven to be effective in lowering crime.

CPTED BASIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL TIPS

NATURAL ACCESS CONTROL

Guiding how people enter and leave a space through the placement of entrances, exits, fences, landscaping, signs, and lighting, applies principles of natural access control. By denying access to unobservable areas and potential crime targets, Natural Access Control increases the perception of risk to an offender.



- Establish clear entrances and exits;
- Install lights, security devices and tamper-resistant materials to make your property less of a target;
- Remove or modify features that give access to roofs or high windows; and,
- Plant low lying vegetation around first-floor windows and other potential access points.

TERRITORIAL REINFORCEMENT

Clearly defining the boundaries between public and private property promotes ownership, can deter potential intruders and helps to identify acceptable behaviours in each space.



- Create appealing facades, awnings, entrances, patios, and flower boxes to identify your space;
- Have security signs and addresses clearly visible at all entrances; and,
- Install short walls or plant gardens to discourage trespassing.

NATURAL SURVEILLANCE

Design and placement of physical features, activities, and people can maximize visibility and surveillance. Criminal offenses decrease under the risk of being observed. Natural surveillance can also encourage positive social interactions, as people are likely to feel safer when they can see and be seen.



- Keep landscaping trimmed and far enough away from doors to increase visibility and reduce hiding spots;
- Add exterior lighting so areas are well lit to avoid glare, light spill and reduce shadows; and,
- Keep window displays, signs and other obstacles from obscuring seeing into and out of the store.

MAINTENANCE

The more run-down an area, the greater the risk of attracting criminal activity, while also driving away responsible users. Consistently well-maintained areas send a message that someone cares about and looks after the space, which deters criminals.



- Schedule regular maintenance and repairs;
- Use vandal-resistant materials in common areas;
- Remove graffiti and consider installing murals to deter future graffiti;
- Keep spaces free of trash, debris and hazards; and,
- Replace lights and maintain landscaping.