

## 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 strategy to create &/or extend the property's sphere of influence – the perception that someone is in control of the area. It distinguishes what is private space from public space by using landscaping, pavement designs, signage & fences.

**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 South Salt Lake Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 801-412-3600, or email [InformCPZ@southsaltlakecity.com](mailto:InformCPZ@southsaltlakecity.com).

For questions regarding landscaping or fencing and local ordinances, call the South Salt Lake Urban Livability Department at 801-464-6712.



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# Crime Prevention For Your Home Using CPTED

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



*When properly used, CPTED tactics have been proven to reduce crimes of opportunity.*

### Bracketed Casement Windows

Screw an "L" bracket with a removable pin into the bottom part of the window that has a swinging hinge.

### Door Eye Viewers

If the door doesn't have a window, it should have a wide angle 180° lens (peep hole). Install a second door eye viewer hole at a height suitable for children too.

### Easily Readable House Numbers

It's easier for emergency services to locate a home in a hurry if the house numbers are large and well-lit. Put numbers in back of your house too if there's an alley.

### Porch/walkway Lights

High efficiency lights with a photo cell or timer will help keep unwelcome guests from approaching your walkway or front door.

### Secured Sliding Windows

Flathead screws installed in the upper track prevent thieves from sliding or lifting the window open. Removable pins in the frames will hold the window in place.

### Exterior House Lights

Security lights with a motion or photo cell detector will light up the side area of your house. Make sure you have lights on the back of your house too.

### Exterior Door Hinges

Hinges on exterior doors should be installed with the "pin" side facing inside the door frame or use hinges that have a security hinge pin.

### Solid Core Exterior Doors

Use the right door for the right application. When the door is metal or solid wood, breaking it down becomes difficult. Glass next to the door should be protected with an unbreakable plastic material.

### Deadbolt Locks on Doors

Secure doors with all-metal deadbolt locks. Single-cylinder deadbolts conform to the fire code for residential buildings, allowing safety as well as security. Be sure that the deadbolt throw goes at least 1 inch into the door frame and that the strike plate is installed with at least 3-inch wood screws.

### Trimmed Hedges, Trees & Shrubs

Make it difficult for thieves to conceal themselves or stolen property.

### BEWARE Decals

"Beware" decals can warn that the home is equipped with an alarm system.

### Stiff Door Frame

Reinforce the door frame by filling empty spaces between the door jamb and 2x4 stud with a solid piece of wood and shims. This will prevent a thief from pushing or prying back the door frame.

### Garage Door

When the garage door is securely locked, thieves must resort to a more difficult means of entering a home. It also keeps them from stealing the property stored in the garage.

### Secure Hinges

Hinges should have non-removable pins that ruin a thief's chance at entering through the gate.

### Sliding Glass Doors

A security bar and flathead screws installed in the upper track prevent thieves from sliding or lifting the door open. Removable pins in the frames will hold the door in place as well.

### Fences

Modify wood fences so that they are at least 10 inches off the ground so that anyone hiding behind them can then be seen. Or use transparent fencing, like rod iron.

### Double Hung Windows

Secure them by drilling through the corners of the sashes and inserting a removable metal pin.

### Barred Windows

Prevent break-ins through basement windows by installing metal grills across the frames. Use a quick-release mechanism for easy exiting in case of fire.

### Interior Lights

A couple of lights left on at night suggests that someone's home. Be sure to put them on timers and regularly change the time they go off and on.

