



City of Phoenix

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Exterior Design

- Keep the building and property well maintained:
 - Well-maintained properties will deter criminals who are looking for easy targets.
- Keep your windows free from obstructions:
 - Windows blocked by ads, signs, or other items will not allow police or others to see in. This is tempting to people who are looking for an easy target to commit a crime.
- Ensure all areas of your building have adequate lighting:
 - This makes it hard for people to lurk or hide in dark areas.
- Only one entrance and exit should be used, if possible:
 - This prevents people from being able to enter the store unnoticed; and
 - All service providers and employees should also enter through the main entrance to eliminate the chance of an unmonitored entrance being left accessible.
- All landscaping should be well-maintained:
 - Do not allow plants to grow too large or create areas of concealment;
 - Keep landscaping short so people can see over and around it; and
 - Use thorned or spiked plants to prevent access to off-limits areas.
- Exterior benches and gathering spots should be designed to prevent loitering:
 - Post signs prohibiting trespassing and loitering, making sure to list the related statute or code; and
 - Install benches or other seating that is designed for short-term use and sitting only.
- Secure all water faucets and electrical outlets to prevent loitering.