

## Prevention is your Intention

### ALWAYS

- Provide a clear bordered definition of controlled spaces
- Create gathering areas at locations with natural surveillance and access control
- Re-designate the use of space to provide natural barriers to unwanted activity
- Improve scheduling of space to allow for effective use (parking for nightshift workers closest to the building)
- Place safe activities in vulnerable areas like community gardens in vacant land
- Increase the perception of natural surveillance

### NEVER

- Leave parcels or mail lying around
- Leave your home unlock
- Allow bushes and shrubs to grow out of control and impede your view and the ability to observe all areas surrounding your property
- Create areas that are hiding spots where unwanted activity can go unnoticed

## Need to report a crime?



In an emergency, dial:  
**9-1-1**

For non-emergency service  
call:  
**(416) 808-2222**



**See it. Say it. Stop it.**

For more information about the Crime Stoppers program, visit [www.222tips.com](http://www.222tips.com). If you have a tip, call **416-222-8477 (TIPS)** or use the toll free number **1-800-222-TIPS**



**Crime  
Prevention  
Through  
Environmental  
Design**  
Reduce the risk.  
Reduce the opportunity.

**Crime prevention through Environmental Design consists of three key concepts which are designed to discourage people from committing opportunity related crimes.**

## Territorial Reinforcement

Territorial reinforcement is a design strategy that encourages people to take ownership and responsibility for a space.

### Evaluate your property

1. Do people regularly trespass on your property?
2. Is your property being used as a short cut?
3. Does your property have an unkempt appearance?
4. Are there unused portions of your property where people "hang out"?

### Consider doing this:

1. Use landscaping to direct people to where they are suppose to go
2. Use low fencing to indicate permitted pathways
3. Install signage with clear direction
4. Regularly maintain your property

## Natural Surveillance



Natural surveillance is a design concept which allows people to be seen and to facilitate observation. This helps create an increased perception of risk to someone thinking about committing a crime.

### Evaluate your property

1. Does your landscaping or fencing obscure the view into your property from your neighbours properties?
2. Are there any areas around your doors or windows where a person could hide?
3. Are there areas of contrast or shadow around your property where intruders can hide and not be seen?

### Consider doing this:

1. Installing motion sensitive lighting.
2. Trim hedges to two feet in height.
3. Alter your fencing to permit a sight line.

## Natural Access Control

Natural access control is a design concept the focuses on reducing the opportunity for crime to occur. Denying access to a crime target and creating the sense of risk of being caught is the goal for this concept.

### Evaluate your property

1. Do people routinely trespass on your property ?
2. Can people trespass on your property without being seen?
3. Do people access your property in ways other than you intended?
4. Does your property have natural surveillance?

### Consider doing this:

1. Use landscaping to keep people out of unwanted areas and to direct them to where you want them to be.
2. Install fencing to restrict access to your property.



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