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# **Free Design Out Crime Advisory Service**

*Crime Prevention through  
Environmental Design advice*



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## What is the Design Out Crime Advisory Service?

The Design Out Crime Advisory Service's purpose is to ensure that Christchurch has access to the best crime prevention design advice available. Our goal is to improve safety and reduce crime in Christchurch. It is co-funded by Christchurch City Council and the Crime Prevention Unit of the Ministry of Justice.

## Who can benefit from this service?

Developers, property owners, planners, architects, urban designers, landscape architects and designers, other design professionals, project managers and community groups. All developments can benefit from crime prevention design advice and any development (new build or rebuild) that has publically accessible space in it or around it is eligible for the service.

## What can we do for you?

We can give you advice, ideas and recommendations on how to make your development safer from crime, while saving money and enhancing amenity values and usability. We aim to add value to your project, without delaying it, while reducing ongoing costs of operating and managing the completed development.

## How will we do this?

Our Advisors are expert in crime prevention strategies, including Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED, pronounced "sep-ted"). We have proven methods of reducing opportunities for crime to occur in and around your property, while increasing its appeal to the people you want to attract. We will help make your property safer and feel safer for your customers and the public.

## Why is CPTED important?

Safety from crime is an important part of successful, vibrant places. CPTED is recognised as a powerful, practical tool to achieve this. Many of the plans and strategies that direct the rebuild of Christchurch (including the Christchurch Central



Recovery Plan, the Greater Christchurch Recovery Strategy, the Christchurch Transport Plan), include reference to CPTED. Developments requiring Resource Consents in the Central City Business Zone are required to consider CPTED.

## What can CPTED assist with?

- General safety principles including natural supervision, access control, protection of private space, and quality surroundings.
- The qualities of safer places, including safe movement and connections, being able to see and be seen, layout, activity mix, ownership, and maintenance and management.
- Context and proximity to activity generators or crime hotspots.
- Positive and negative safety impacts on surroundings.
- Night time context, including mitigating unlawful and unwanted uses and activities.
- Anti graffiti strategies.
- Design of pedestrian access and internal public areas.
- Design of publicly accessible toilet facilities.
- Design and placement of lighting, plantings, car parking, service lanes and entrances.
- Storage spaces for incoming goods, rubbish, cycles, equipment.
- Definition of private, semi-public and public spaces.

## When is it best to include CPTED?

CPTED provides the greatest value for the least cost when applied "little and often" from the early stages of design.

We can assist from concept through to post-completion, with "big picture" issues through to small, site specific details.



## Services you can access

We can work with you in several ways, based on your needs and the size and scope of your development:

### • CPTED Clinics

New Zealand's leading CPTED consultant, Dr Frank Stoks, and the Council's Crime Prevention Advisors will provide advice, ideas and recommendations on your specific safety and security needs.

### • Pre Application advice

Mitigation advice for developments that require CPTED to be considered for Resource Consent Applications.

### • CPTED Statement advice

Guidance for applicants who are required to prepare CPTED Assessments and CPTED Statements when required for Resource Consent.

### • Seminars

Information sessions for professional and community groups, introducing safe design and explaining the benefits of CPTED.

### • CPTED Training Workshops

For anyone interested in learning about CPTED in more depth. Two day, practical workshops teaching CPTED principles and process by working on real projects.

## Injury Prevention through Environmental Design (IPTED)

IPTED is a complementary discipline that uses the same techniques as CPTED, but focuses on designing places that are safe from injury risks. We can provide IPTED advice for suitable developments.

## How much will it cost to use the services?

Nothing except your time.