



Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED)

The fundamental idea of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) is:

'that it is possible to use knowledge and creativity to design those built environments in ways that lessen or prevent the incidence of such crime'.

The guidelines are designed to:

'prevent crime, reduce fear of crime and create safe public spaces'.

Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Guidelines for Queensland 2007, provides information on how to design public spaces. The LIM has adopted these guidelines.

The guidelines are intended for architects, urban designers, engineers, landscape architects, planners and designers, and anyone involved in the planning, design and management of the built environment, especially in publicly accessible places. The CPTED guidelines provide tools and worksheets to assist with incorporating CPTED principles.

Designers of public places should consider the following strategies:

- Encourage legitimate use of public places
- Allow natural surveillance (allow people outside of the public place to overlook and to see what is happening).
- Avoid 'hidden' places.

The CPTED process encourages consideration of these principles to be embedded into the design process. There is no correct solution to the design and management of open spaces, rather a balance must be sought between competing priorities, to find the best fit solution.

