

7-14-208. CRIME PREVENTION.

Commercial development site planning shall integrate the principles of "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design," (CPTED) to the maximum extent practical. Applicants are encouraged to consult with the West Valley City CPTED Task Force in the City Neighborhood Services Department or the COP officer assigned to the area regarding implementation of CPTED principles to commercial developments. These principles include:

(1) Territoriality. Space within the development and along the edges should be well-defined and delineated to create a sense of ownership, such that intruders and strangers stand out. This may be accomplished through the use of pavement treatments, landscaping, art, signage, screening, fencing, and similar techniques.

(2) Natural Surveillance. Create an environment where it is possible for people engaged in their normal behavior to observe the spaces around them. Maximize a space's visibility through thoughtful design of building orientation, window placement, entrances and exits, landscaping of trees and shrubs, and other physical obstructions. Utilize nighttime illumination of parking lots, walkways, entrances, stairwells, and related areas that promote an environment in which natural surveillance is possible.

(3) Access Control. Plan and implement access control to restrict criminal intrusion, especially in areas where criminal activity cannot be easily observed. Access control may include, but is not limited to, use of fences, walls, landscaping, and lighting to prevent or discourage public access to or from dark or unmonitored areas. In addition, sidewalks, pavement, lighting, and landscaping areas should be used to guide the public to and from primary development entrances and exits.

(4) Activity Support. Create activity support by placing new or existing activities in an area so that individuals engaged in a particular activity become part of the natural surveillance of other areas.

(5) Maintenance. Maintain landscaping, lighting fixtures, and other features to facilitate the principles of CPTED, territorial reinforcement, natural surveillance, and access control.