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# RESOURCE GUIDE

## Target Hardening: Prevention Through Environmental Design

### DESCRIPTION

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) has become an increasingly popular strategy in deterring criminal activity in communities nationwide. Its principles can be applied by facility managers and law enforcement officials to reduce the risk of terrorism against buildings and to protect critical infrastructure. The central concept of CPTED is that simple, cost-effective changes to a particular physical environment can decrease a criminal's or a terrorist's willingness and ability to target that area.

The CPTED approach differs from traditional target hardening in that it focuses on the larger issue of preventing criminal or terrorist acts rather than on mitigating the effects of those acts. Training programs for CPTED discuss the various ways that law enforcement and local officials can increase crime prevention (e.g. better lighting, standoff distances, clear use of signs, etc.) and how officials can tailor CPTED to the characteristics and needs of their particular jurisdiction.

### RESOURCES

#### *Guides and Reports*

#### Local Government

[Durham, North Carolina:](#)

**[Durham CPTED Manual:](#)** Durham's city government offers a comprehensive guide to applying CPTED concepts in a community. The guide presents CPTED strategies, techniques, and specific target hardening measures.  
[http://www.durham-nc.com/secondary/cpted\\_manual.php](http://www.durham-nc.com/secondary/cpted_manual.php)

[Fort Wayne, Indiana:](#)

**[Fort Wayne CPTED Manual:](#)** The city of Fort Wayne presents a guide to CPTED and target hardening that explains its application for individual homes and communities as well as for industrial and commercial complexes.  
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[Tempe, Arizona:](#)

**[Tempe CPTED Guidelines:](#)** The city of Tempe provides a comprehensive series of guidelines to assist planners, architects, and developers in meeting the city's CPTED requirements.  
<http://www.tempe.gov/tdsi/Planning/CPTED/>

## **Related Links Associations**

### [European Designing Out Crime Association:](#)

**Resources and Links:** The European chapter of the International CPTED Association provides an extensive array of articles, publications, and conference reports regarding CPTED.  
<http://www.e-doca.net/resources.htm>

**International CPTED Association:** The homepage of the official international organization for CPTED offers links to a variety of CPTED training programs, conferences, certification programs, and resources.  
<http://www.cpted.net/>

### [National Crime Prevention Council \(NCPC\):](#)

**CPTED Information Page:** The NCPC provides detailed, well-organized information regarding CPTED basics and strategies, as well as information regarding training programs.  
<http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-2006-2486>

### [National Institute of Crime Prevention \(NICP\):](#)

**Training Information:** The NICP offers extensive training in CPTED to law enforcement, city administrators, and other security officials. Training is conducted in three-day conferences held throughout the year.  
<http://www.nicp.net/cpted.htm>

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