



# Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Policy

## Policy – CP036

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### 1. The purpose of this policy is

To ensure the application of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and guidelines to new development, redevelopment, maintenance and management of public spaces and facilities within Mildura Rural City Council, to enhance community safety.

### 2. Policy Statement

Council recognises that both crime and fear of crime have a serious impact upon the quality of life of residents, employees and visitors to the municipality. To strengthen community safety and to attract people to the municipality to live, work and spend leisure time, Council needs to create an environment in which people feel safe and opportunities for crime are reduced. The design principles and guidelines for safety and crime prevention, as specified in CPTED methodology, enhance safety and security within the community. To achieve this, CPTED principles and guidelines must be incorporated into:

- Master planning
- Planning, design, development and maintenance of public spaces
- Development and management of Council owned and controlled properties

The Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria provide advice on creating functional and enjoyable public places for people and it is recognised that the implementation of CPTED principles must be balanced against other design objectives. This policy focuses on principles that can be readily implemented as part of development design, operational works, or routine maintenance and upkeep.

### 3. Principles

Council recognises that appropriate design and effective use of the built environment through the application of CPTED principles leads to a reduction in crime and an increase in the community's perception of safety, improving the quality of life for residents, employees and visitors to the municipality.

Common approaches of addressing crime concerns by implementing visually displeasing security measures and facility hardening such as locks, barriers, gates, CCTV and security patrols can lead to perceptions of insecurity. In contrast CPTED principles promote high quality and visually pleasing solutions as a proactive prevention of crime through enhancing legitimate use of spaces.

CPTED principles are multi-faceted and designed to create synergies between the five concepts of the methodology:

- Natural Surveillance
- Natural Access Control
- Territorial Reinforcement
- Target Hardening
- Management & Maintenance

### 4. Who is responsible for implementing this policy?

Responsibility	Item
Facilities and Assets Engineering Development and Delivery Works and Infrastructure Services Parks and Recreation Community Partnerships Strategy and Growth department	Responsible for designing and developing infrastructure in a manner consistent with the Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria and CPTED guidelines.
Facilities and Assets	Responsible for managing and maintaining Council buildings and facilities in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.
Parks and Recreation	Responsible for ensuring that council's open space and recreational facilities are managed, developed, and maintained in a manner consistent

	with the CPTED guidelines.
Community Partnerships	Responsible for ensuring that council natural areas are managed and developed in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.
Governance	Responsible for ensuring that council's leased properties are managed and maintained in a manner consistent with the CPTED guidelines.

## 5. Definitions

New Development	The building, erection, or installation of any new structure, landscaped space, or area on Council controlled, managed, or owned property.
Redevelopment	The restoration or renewing of any structure, landscaped space, or area on council controlled, managed, or owned property.
Public Spaces	Primarily properties owned or managed by Council that are open to the public.
Definition	A defined physical area where specific activities and / or desired behaviours have been identified.
Design	A specified set of treatments generally build in to the landscape to improve safety and reduce the opportunity for crime.
Facility Hardening	Physical measures intended to fortify a facility.
Management & Maintenance	This is achieved through creating 'pride of place and maintaining spaces in a tidy state and in good repair.
Natural Surveillance	Passive monitoring that casually occurs from users, passers by, and neighbours in an area or at a facility.
Natural Access Control	Passive encouragement or discouragement of use of or access to an area though the use of physical features.
Target Hardening	The physical security of places and facilities against access from illegitimate users.
Territorial Reinforcement	The passive and active physical features used to identify ownership, uniqueness, and to strengthen community ownership and connection with an area or facility.

## 6. Legislation and other references

### 6.1 Legislation

Nil

## 6.2 Council and Operational Policies

- Risk Management Policy CP024
- Occupational Health & Safety Policy OP142
- Public Lighting Policy CPxx (under development)

## 6.3 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria  
[www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/urban-design/urban-design-guidelines](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/urban-design/urban-design-guidelines)
- Mildura Rural City Council Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Operational Guidelines
- Safer Parks: Improving access for women and girls, The Safer Parks Consortium (UK)  
<https://www.greenflagaward.org/resources/safer-parks-for-women-and-girls/safer-parks-for-women-and-girls/>

## 6.4 Risk Assessment Reference

<b>Risk Category</b>	✓	<b>Risk Category</b>	✓
Asset Management	✓	Financial Sustainability	
Committees		Human Resource Management	
Compliance – Legal & Regulatory	✓	Leadership & Organisational Culture	✓
Contract Management		Occupational Health & Safety	✓
Contract Tendering & Procurement		Organisational Risk Management	✓
Corporate Governance		Project Management	✓
Environmental Sustainability		Public Image and Reputation	✓