

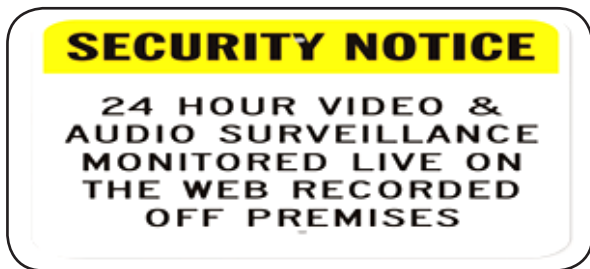
Natural Surveillance



Cost effective measures with LED light bulbs



Signage (example)



Report Information on CRIME!

CRYSTAL LAKE



A person may use one of the anonymous outlets below to report criminal activity.

Tip411

For anonymous Crime Tips Text CLPDTIP and enter 847411 for access to our confidential tip service

Crystal Lake Crime Stoppers

1-800-762-7867

(caller id not used)

If you have any questions regarding this pamphlet, feel free to contact Crystal Lake Police Department at (815)356-3620

Disclaimer: The contents in the pamphlet are made to assist in reducing criminal activity. No guarantee can be stated or implied. The City of Crystal Lake recommends these measures as a public service with the understanding that there is no way to predict or prevent all crime risks. Local building and fire safety codes must be considered when implementing CPTED.

The contents in the pamphlet are also on the City's website at <http://www.crystallake.org/departments/police/safety-security-tips>

CRYSTAL LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design-CPTED (pronounced "sep-ted") guide



MISSION STATEMENT:

The Crystal Lake Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of police services to the people who visit, live, and work in the City of Crystal Lake. By collaborating with our citizens, we will strive to enhance the quality of life by providing police services that cultivate public trust and are responsive to the needs of the community.



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

CPTED a comprehensive approach initially developed in the 1970's to assist property developers and owners on ways to help deter criminal behavior by following the four (4) components of CPTED: *Natural Surveillance, Territorial Reinforcement, Maintenance, and Access Control.*

Now widely used throughout the law enforcement community, the Police Department has rolled out its CPTED program/guide to provide residents and property owners in City limits with the knowledge to help deter criminal behavior.

BURGLARY

The Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) defines burglary as; a person commits burglary when without authority he or she knowingly enters or without authority remains within a building, house trailer, watercraft, aircraft, motor vehicle, railroad car, or any part thereof, with intent to commit therein a felony or theft.

MINIMIZING THE RISKS

To understand how access is gained into a property, a person may have to look beyond the point of entry. Below are conditions, some environmental, to consider:

- Overgrown bushes near doors or windows that serve as concealment for burglar(s).
- Consider leaving exterior lights on overnight to illuminate some of the areas of entrances, windows, or storm windows.
- If going away for over 24 hours, consider leaving a TV on to give the appearance the property is occupied.
- A person may unknowingly “advertise” the furniture or décor inside the property if the interior lights are on when windows treatment/drapery or blinds are open.
- Placing placards or stickers on doors or windows such as; large dog inside the residence, or property under video/audible monitoring system may serve as deterrent.

MINIMIZING THE RISKS

- Assess your property at daytime and nighttime to grasp the mind set of a criminal, “where would I get in?” Assessing these specific areas to reinforce is known as Access Control or Target Hardening.
- Criminals look for opportunities and don't want to be seen. Take away the opportunities by increasing the property's Natural Surveillance with sufficient natural lighting, manicured lawn, trimmed bushes or trees.
- A privacy barrier in the backyard, whether it's fencing around the property line (Territorial Reinforcement), may not always work to your advantage. If you have privacy, so does a burglar. Consider placing security signage in the backyard near the door to aid in deterrent.
- Lock doors and windows including vehicles parked in driveways.