

# Home Safety and Security



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# WHAT IS CPTED?

Defined as – Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

CPTED is a crime prevention strategy.

Its natural consequence is to reduce victimization, which is the ultimate goal! Some other benefits of CPTED include:

- positively influencing human behavior;
- building a sense of community with stronger neighborhood bonds;
- allowing law enforcement agencies, locality administrators, and their community partners to approach problems in a constructive manner;
- empowering individuals to play a meaningful role in crime reduction; and
- improving quality of life by replacing fear of crime with an increased sense of security.

1.The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime and the incidence of crime, and to improvement in the quality of life.

2.CPTED's goal is to prevent crime through designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior – people who use the area regularly perceive it as safe, and would-be criminals see the area as a highly risky place to commit crime.

1.CPTED promotes design principles that encourage safe behavior and reduce the opportunities for crime to occur. Applying CPTED starts by asking the following questions:

1. What are the designated purposes of the space?
2. How is the space defined?
3. How well does the physical design support the intended function?

## Simple steps for Crime Prevention using CPTED:

### Residential:

- Remove/trim decorative shrubs and trees that may obstruct anyone seeing if a burglar is at your home. Provide an unobstructed view of the area around your home.
- Install fencing with a secure lockable gate to clearly define your property and prevent easy access to the back of your home.
- Provide clearly marked transitional zones which indicate movement from public to semi-private to private space.
- Install bright security lighting, using motion detectors is a good consideration to conserve energy while providing security.
- Install solid-core doors on all exterior doors with deadbolt locks.
- Secure all sheds and outbuildings, making sure they are visible from the home.







Before



After















# CRIME PREVENTION with landscape design

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



## C.P.T.E.D. LANDSCAPING

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### LIGHTING

Ample lighting is an obvious way to detour a possible intruder from choosing your yard as a target.



### FENCING

Instead of tall slatted wooden fences the use of wrought iron or a lower picket fence is suggested.

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### HEDGES

Hedges should be kept below the height of 2 feet as to not provide a hiding spot for a possible intruder.



### TREES

Tree branches should always be trimmed to not hang below 8 feet as to not provide hiding for a lurking intruder.

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### SPIKES/THORNS

Installing plants with spikes or thorns near the windows of the home is a good deterrence for a possible intruder.



### DEBRIS

Regular lawn maintenance is important to keep the yard clear of debris a possible intruder can use to break a window.

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## **Use Neighbourhood Watch Principles**

Communicate with your neighbours as they can be your best ally in the fight against property crime. Be sure your neighbours are aware of your daily routine. This will aid them in noticing suspicious activity. If you are away on a trip ask your neighbour to do some of the following things; check your property, collect your mail, park a second vehicle in your driveway so there is the perception of someone coming and going, take out or bring in trash and, if you are away for an extended period, put some of their trash at your curbside on garbage pick up day.

## **Social Media**

Be selective/think before you post – even posts that narrow down precisely where you reside. (ie, your street, a photo of your sports car, the interior of your home), all of this can be pieced together if someone is motivated enough.

Avoid posting an upcoming trip or posting pictures while you are actively away. This is a public invitation to criminals that you are not home. Post afterwards.

## Lock It or Lose It



The Niagara Regional Police Service urges the residents of Niagara to help prevent theft by following some helpful reminders.

### **Vehicles:**

- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.
- Always lock your vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Never leave valuables/purchases in plain view.

### **Home:**

- Lock all doors and windows.
- Don't advertise what Santa brought you.
- Make it look like someone is home.
- Encourage your neighbours to call Police if they see anything suspicious.

It only takes thieves seconds to steal your property.

Do your job, don't help them with theirs.

**I Only Need 15 Seconds To Burglarize Your Vehicle**

**Two Out of Every Three Cars I Burglarized Were Left Unlocked**

**If I See It I Take It**

**LOCK YOUR CAR**

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*Don't Leave Valuables in View  
Park in Well Lighted Areas  
Don't Leave Your Car Running*

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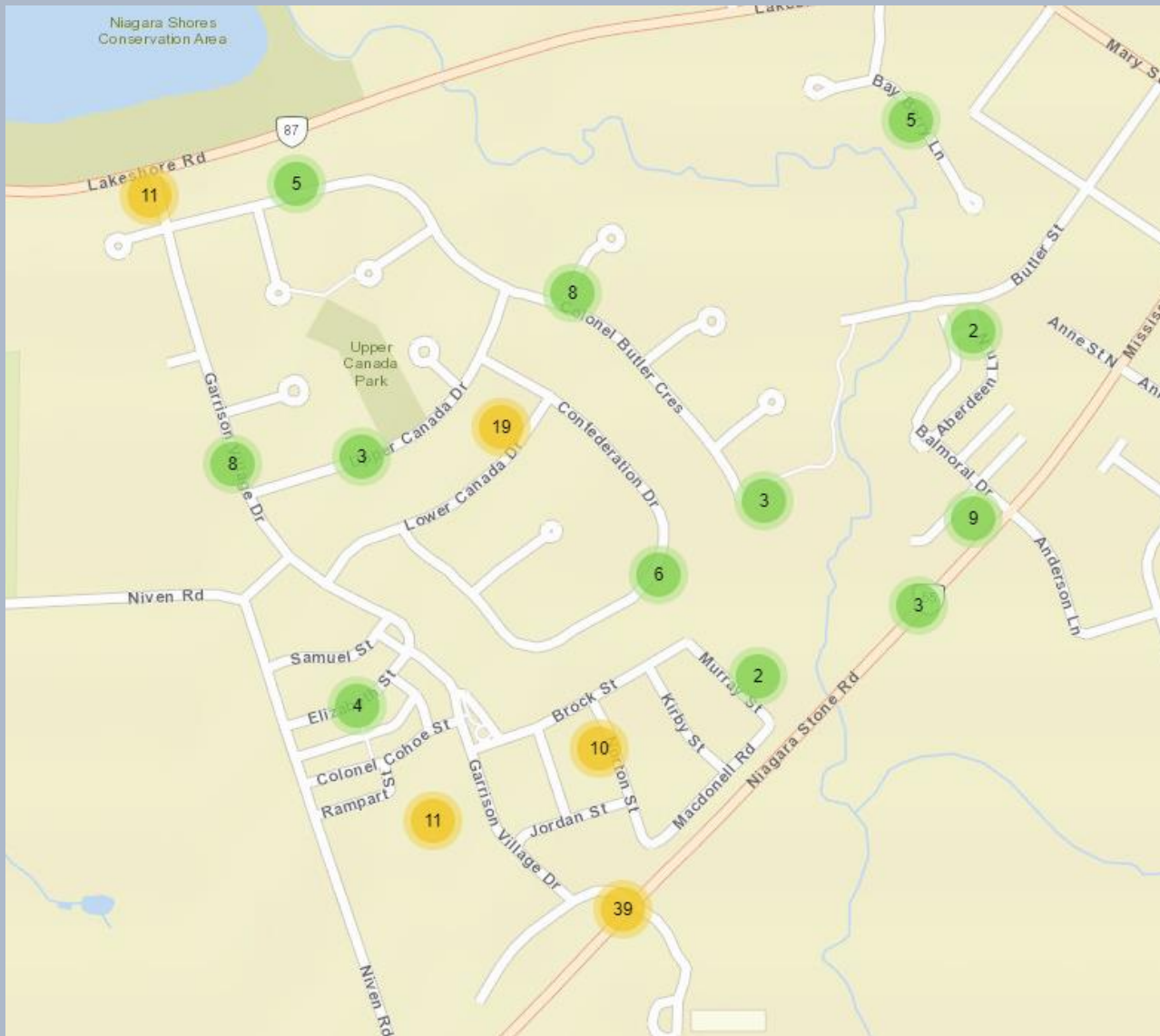
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## Call for service since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to present (Time frame randomly selected)



**146** Calls for service since June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

False Alarms – 15

Animal Complaints – 5

Assist Ambulance – 8

Domestic/Family Violence – 10

Fraud – 12

Motor vehicle Collision Reports – 13

Vehicle Thefts – 4

Welfare Checks – 7

Break and Enter – 5

Property Found/Lost - 8

(Other Categories – Sudden Death,  
Noise complaint, Mental health,  
Hazard, Unwanted person)

\*\*No violent crimes, drug related calls

# Fraud Protection

Fraud is one of the fastest growing crimes and can have a devastating impact on its victims. Being knowledgeable about how frauds are committed will go a long way in protecting you from becoming a victim.

- Protect your personal information - never give your personal information unless you know with whom you are dealing and how that information will be used. Never reply to unsolicited emails or phone calls seeking personal details, banking information, or credit card information. Minimize personal information contained on social media sites and limit access to who can view your information.
- Monitor your bank and credit card activity and report any discrepancies immediately to your financial institution or credit card issuer.
- Review your credit history through Equifax and Trans Union Credit. Dispute any unauthorized entries with the credit bureau and file a police report if you are the victim of identity theft.
- Internet scams are numerous and often cross international borders. Use caution when dealing with persons you do not know especially if asked to cash a cheque and wire or e-transfer funds to another person. Even certified cheques can be forged. Use complex passwords on your computers and electronic devices. Utilize and maintain current antivirus software. Be cautious of links contained in emails. Never give anyone access to your computer based on an unsolicited phone call or email.

- There is a lot of truth to the old adage 'if it sounds too good to be true, it is probably a scam'
- Take the time to seek out advice or do research before committing or sending funds. Don't let anyone rush you into making a decision.
- Consider adding your phone number to the National Do Not Call List [www.Innate-dncl.gc.ca/index-eng](http://www.Innate-dncl.gc.ca/index-eng).
- Consider sharing this information with everyone you know to get the message out.
- Talk to friends, family, the elderly, neighbours, and members of the vulnerable sectors of the community who may not be connected to social media or may have missed previous warnings in the news.



# Common Scams

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SexTortion Scam

The "Grandparent Scam"

Canada Revenue Agency Scam

Door-to-Door Sales Fraud

Puppy Scam

Online Buyers

Online Sellers

CEO Scam

Phishing Emails

Romance Scam

Utility / Business Spoofing Scam

Vehicle Sales On-Line Scam

QUESTIONS??

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