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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design



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Keeping Your Property Safe Through Landscaping

Did you know you can actually reinforce your home's security by properly landscaping? CPTED, or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, is a law enforcement science that allows you to fortify your property via smart landscaping techniques.

Techniques for CPTED:

- Trim trees and shrubs so windows and doors are visible to neighbors and at curbside.
- Bushes within 4 feet of driveways, walkways, doors, or gates should be kept at max height of 2 feet.
- Ground plants located near windows should be trimmed to a height below windows.
- Trim trees so lower branches are more than 6 feet off of the ground.
- Use large gravel under ground-level and basement windows as a noisy prowler deterrent.
- Plant sticky, thorny plants in areas that need a natural barrier such as ground-level windows.



Good Examples of CPTED



- Hedges trimmed below window sills
- Gravel under window areas for noise detection

Poor Examples of CPTED

- Evergreen covers window and door
- Cacti should be under front windows as a natural barrier



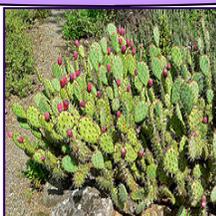
Plants for CPTED:

- **Ground covers/low growing plants:** Herbs, Succulents, Mugo Pines, Pyracanthas, Chollas, or Cacti.
- **Bushes/Shrubs:** Barberries, Roses, Hawthorns, Yuccas, Currants, or Hollies.
- **Trees:** Cedars, Conifers, Locusts, Aspens, or Cottonwoods.
- For more specific recommendations for our Northwestern Arizona climate, governmental zones 2 and 3, please refer to www.ag.arizona.edu or [www.prescott-az.gov/police/Community Services/CPTED](http://www.prescott-az.gov/police/Community_Services/CPTED)

Ground Covers/Low Growing Plants



Mugo Pine



Prickly Pear



Pyracantha

Bushes/Shrubs



Hawthorn



Yucca



Barberry