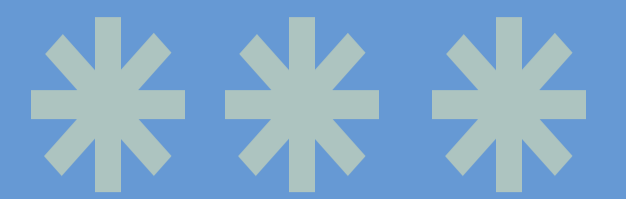


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Habits to Develop in 2020



Happy New Year neighbours! With the new year comes resolutions, so here's a few ideas that can help you build habits that will contribute to safer communities:

No Texting and Driving! - Distracted driving is still a problem in our city, so let's start the new year right by building the habit of focusing solely on the road when driving. Remember, you can face up to a \$3000 fine for distracted driving!

Cut back on your social media and cellphone time! - Social media and technology are great, but they are best in moderation! Excessive social media use can hinder real life social interactions and relationships, and excessive cellphone use can affect sleep patterns (leading to fatigue and crankier people!)

Get involved with your community! - Whether it's simply saying hello to your neighbours or volunteering your time to a cause you're passionate about, your community will always benefit from acts of kindness no matter how small.

Do your due diligence! - Remember, crime prevention is a regular practice! Use the new year to help motivate you to maintain the habits of locking doors, keeping your home up to CPTED standards, hiding your valuables, and reporting suspicious activities!



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

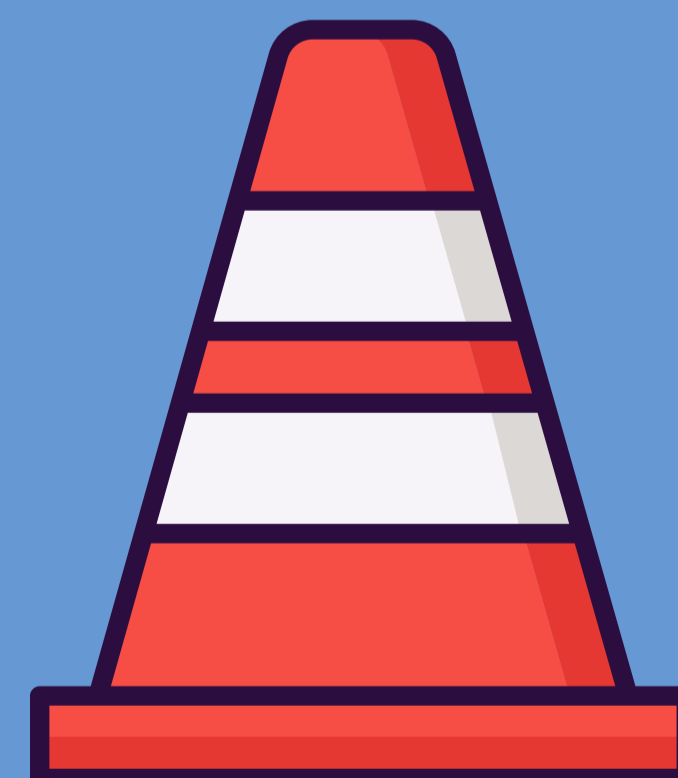
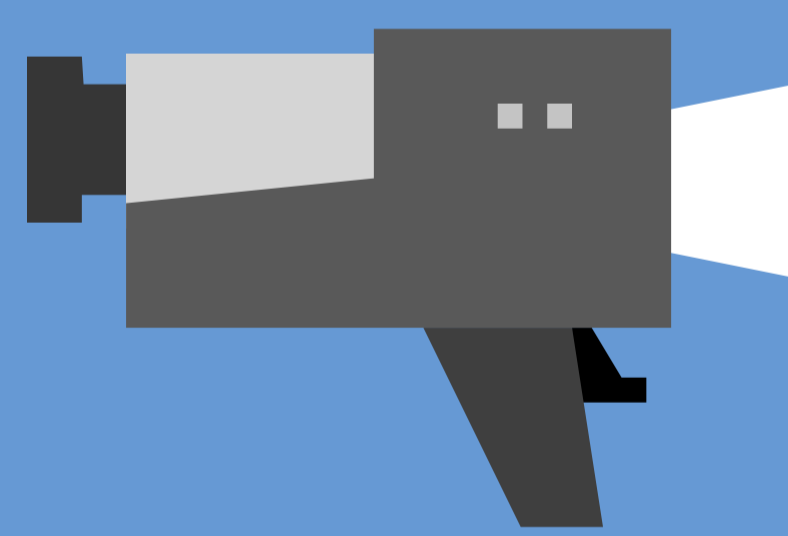


Remember, crime prevention can be as easy as making a few small changes to our properties according to our CPTED principles.

Surveillance: are sight lines clear and unobscured? Do entry points have sufficient lighting? Is there a high risk of an offender being seen on your property?

Territoriality: are driveways being shovelled and cars being cleaned after snowfall? Are garbages and mail being collected? Is it clear that someone is maintaining and caring for your property?

Access Control: are there appropriately placed fences, gates or doors which keep the public away from private areas? Do you have security systems or deterring signage that control who comes in and out?



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