

Neighbourhood Watch

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The 3 D's - Deter, Detect & Delay

The 3 D's - **Deter, Detect, and Delay** - refer to key crime prevention and home security practices behind the Neighbourhood Watch program. CPTED and home security measures should all consider how well they are deterring, detecting, and/or delaying crime when put into practice.

What are the 3 D's in further detail and how can they be utilized?

Deter - The appearance of the physical environment should suggest that it will be difficult to successfully commit crime. NW members can implement CPTED practices such as visible security measures and signage (ex. Beware of Dog or home security lawn signs) and ensuring the property looks lived in (remember this also demonstrates territorial reinforcement).

Detect - If a crime does occur, it is important to be able to detect the crime in progress and offender as quickly and as clearly as possible. NW members can implement detection measures such as motion sensors/lighting, CCTV cameras, and alarm systems which are designated to detect and notify you when unwanted behaviour is occurring.

Delay - Security measures should be implemented to maximize the time needed to successfully commit a crime. The longer the success of a crime can be delayed, the more opportunity there is to detect and interrupt a crime (ex. by calling 911). Some delaying measures can include upgrading locks, doors, and windows, or securing high value items in hard to access locations.



These security measures are intended to protect people and their properties. To boost effectiveness NW members should implement the three layers altogether and as much as possible when practicing CPTED as individuals and as communities.



Socializing Safely Online



Online dating and social networking have become more prevalent over the last decade. With social isolation concerns being aggravated by the pandemic, it is important to be aware of the potential risks of online dating and social networking as they become even more utilized in the days to come.

Here are some safety tips to share with those participating in online dating and social networking:

Respect your own privacy and avoid sharing personal information - Be mindful of sharing private and personal information, until you can trust and get to know the other person better. Consider waiting to share other social media accounts and ensure other profiles are kept private make it more difficult for others to search you up without your permission.

Prioritize safety even on the virtual landscape - Be comfortable reporting and blocking inappropriate conversations and behaviour. You are allowed to exit uncomfortable situations both virtually and in real life.

Always plan ahead and keep friends and family informed - If meeting a person in real life, make sure to meet in a public setting you feel safe in. Check in with friends and/or family regularly so they can monitor your safety.

Educate yourself - Stay informed of the risks surrounding online dating and social networking such as new trends in phishing methods or harassment.



As the use of online dating and social networking continues to rise, it is important that everyone continues to emphasize and implement safe practices when online dating and social networking. This is especially important to those with youth in their lives that may grow ever reliant on online dating and social networking as the pandemic continues.



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