

Users of the Building Safer Cities Together tool.

THE TOOL WAS DESIGNED FOR USE BY:

- Community police officers, head of policing units and other relevant officers
- Planners
- Building developers
- Architects and urban designers.

In addition, the tool engages the next generation of professionals involved in CP-UDP. These include students of policing, architecture and urban planning.

Impact of the tool.

- Police officers will better understand and be able to deliver CP-UDP
- Police officers will be able to collaborate effectively with stakeholders in the design, planning and management of the built environment
- Security issues related to new developments will more likely be considered and opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour reduced.

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Building Safer Cities Together

A tool to enable the Estonian police to collaborate with partners in the **effective planning, design and development** of safe and secure living environments for all citizens.

The problem.

Estonian interest in **Crime Prevention through Urban Design & Planning** (CP-UDP) dates back to their participation in the CEN standardisation process in 2000. EU-funded training in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) was delivered to the **Estonian police** and **border guard, local authorities, NGOs** and the **national neighbourhood watch umbrella organisation**. To help communicate with a wider audience of users, including community police officers, local authorities and city design officials, a manual was produced, entitled “**CPTED manual: Crime prevention through urban design**”.

There remains, however, a lack of a common understanding of the role of the Estonian police and other urban design stakeholders within an effective, integrated CP-UDP strategy for urban development. Indeed, there was a distinct lack of communication between these stakeholders.

While legislation recommended that **crime and security aspects be addressed within the urban planning process**, it did not oblige planners to coordinate or consult with the police. Consequently, urban design and planning failed to take security aspects into account when assessing design options – with police officers being left to deal with the consequences of poor design. In cases where plans were submitted to the police for consultation, the work process within the police tended to be rather ad hoc and case-based.

To become an expert partner in the planning process, the Estonian police need to adopt a more professional CP-UDP expert role. This requires clearer definition and understanding of this role within the police organisation, and a strategy for its consistent delivery over the longer term.

The solution.

*The Building Safer Cities Together tool comprises **three elements**:*

1 A CP-UDP training programme – This brings together **police, planners, architects** and **developers** to develop a common understanding of CP-UDP and their role in delivering it. This training provides an understanding of the six principles underpinning crime prevention through environmental design (see Figure 1).

THE PROGRAMME:

- Creates a common understanding of security for all the stakeholders in urban planning.
- Fosters connections on CP-UDP with other stakeholders, including local government, planners and architects.
- Clarifies the roles of different stakeholders / training participants in CP-UDP.
- Allows discussion of real and evidence-based security problems.
- Enables development of shared solutions that, where possible, are acceptable to all parties.
- Provides a platform for building relationships and supporting exchange of knowledge.

Policy Guidance for Estonian Police

THIS DOCUMENT:

- Defines a role for the police in CP-UDP and who in the police organisation is responsible for CP-UDP matters.
- Identifies the main partners that the police will work with in CP-UDP.

Estonian Police CP-UDP Protocol – Process and guidance for practical engagement in CP-UDP by Estonian police. This provides practical guidance on the process and practice of **delivering CP-UDP and addressing crime prevention issues** within the design of the **urban environment**.

THE PROTOCOL COVERS:

- **How to communicate** with relevant partners on security problems.
- **How to provide evidence-based advice on security issues** relating to existing developments and proposed locations for new development.
- **How and when to give feedback and advice** on design development proposals to local government planners, architects, design professionals and other stakeholders.

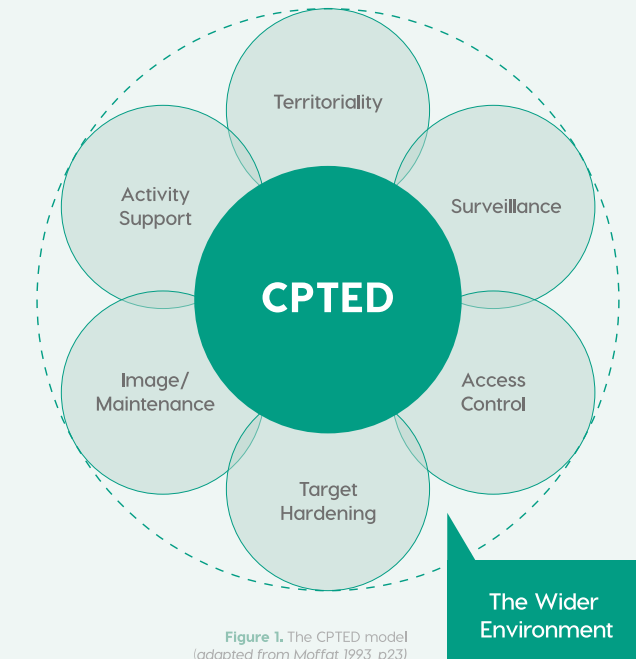


Figure 1. The CPTED model (adapted from Moffat 1993, p23)

