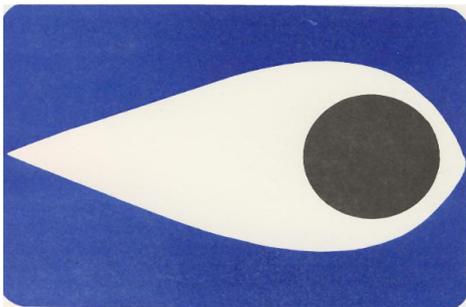




How do I request a Security Survey?

- Call the Neighborhood Services Division at 238-6200 and request a Security Survey conducted on your property. A date and time will be selected and any questions you have will be addressed. **Note: The property owner must be present during the survey.**
- Consider joining or establishing a Neighborhood or Merchant Watch group. To be fully effective CPTED and target hardening measures must be part of a larger crime prevention effort. Call 238-3128 for more information.



Resource Guide

- Crime Prevention information
238-3128
- Security Surveys (Free of Charge)
238-6200
- Neighborhood Watch
238-3091
- Merchant Watch
238-6200
- Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council
986-2715
- Building Services
238-3381
- Planning Division
238-3941
- Zoning information
238-3781



What you need to know about *OPD Security Surveys* for your home or business



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Dear Oakland Resident or Business Owner,

A security survey of your home or business is provided free of charge by the Oakland Police Department. An OPD representative will survey your property and make written recommendations based on two principles: 1) *target hardening* and 2) *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)*.

Target Hardening is a law enforcement term for making your business or home more secure by reinforcing those areas that are weak. CPTED is an approach to crime prevention based on property design and the effective use of the built environment to reduce the fear of and incidences of crime. Generally target hardening and CPTED work together in harmony.

The OPD representative doing your security survey will employ the following overlapping principles to complete your survey:



1

Access Control

Access Control is a design concept directed primarily at decreasing crime by denying access to crime targets and creating a perception of risk for offenders. People are physically guided through a space by the strategic design of streets, sidewalks, building entrances, landscaping and neighborhood gateways. Design elements are very useful tools to clearly indicate public routes and discourage access to private areas.

2

Natural Surveillance

The placement of physical features, activities and people in a way that maximizes visibility is one concept directed at keeping intruders easily observable and thereby less likely to commit criminal acts. Features such as unobstructed doors and windows, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and streets, front porches with appropriate nighttime lighting all maximize visibility and help prevent crime.

3

Territorial Reinforcement

Design can help develop an individual or group's sense of territorial control— while potential offenders, perceiving this control, are discouraged. This concept includes features that define property lines and distinguish between private and public spaces using landscape plantings, pavement designs, gateway treatments, appropriate signage and "open" fences.

4

Maintenance

Care and maintenance enable continued use of a space for its intended purpose. Deterioration and blight indicates a lack of concern and control by the intended users and also indicated a greater tolerance of disorder. Proper maintenance prevents reduced visibility due to plant overgrowth and obstructed or inoperative lighting. It also serves as an additional expression of territoriality and ownership.