

Community Connection

Winter 2025



Crime Trend Update

CHECK YOUR CREDIT

As the holiday season is coming to an end, it is highly recommended that you check your credit reports to ensure that your information has not been compromised. Hackers know that there is an increase of people purchasing items online during the holidays which makes you more at risk of having your information breached. We advise that you check your credit report to make sure there is no suspicious activity and ensure that your information is protected.

Practice the following safety tips to avoid becoming a victim:

- Obtain a copy of your credit report. This can be requested from any of the three credit bureaus listed below:
 - Experian (888-397-3742)
 - Equifax (800-525-6285)
 - TransUnion (800-680-7289)
- Create an account with a credit bureau of your choice to help you easily monitor your credit by
 - Setting up alert notifications
 - Freezing or locking your credit



If you suspect you are a victim of identity theft, please print out your credit report and contact our police department to have it be evaluated further. You can call our non-emergency line or come in person to our front desk, M-F 8am-5pm.

PREVENT IDENTITY THEFT

- Remove mail from your mailbox ASAP.
- Take outgoing mail to a post office or secure post office drop box.
- Never give personal information over the phone, unless you initiated the phone call (Ex. SSN, DOB, Mother's Maiden Name, Bank PIN code).
- Shred documents that have personal or financial information.
- Create strong and unique passwords, and enable multi-factor authentication.
- Do not keep your Social Security Card or unused credit cards in your wallet.
- Report all credit cards or checks that are stolen or lost immediately.

For Additional Information

Federal Trade Commission

www.ftc.gov

Calif. Dept. of Consumer Affairs

www.dca.ca.gov

U.S. Postal Inspection Service

www.gao.gov

GGPD Community Outreach

March 3-6: GGPD Personnel will be reading to several schools across GGUSD for Read Across America week.



March 12: Our annual Coffee with a Cop will be held at a local coffee shop. Follow our social media for final details.



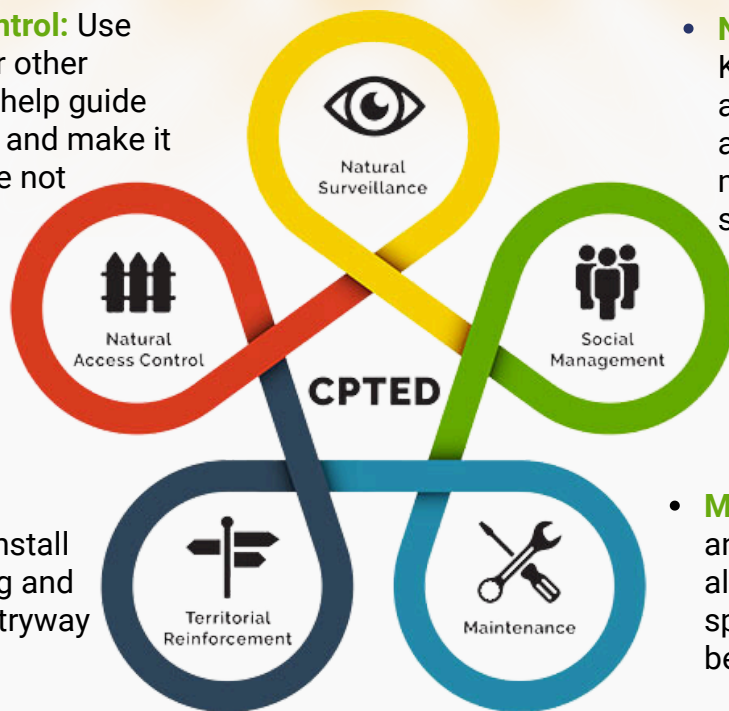
Schedule a Neighborhood Watch Meeting with our Crime Prevention Unit. See contacts on reverse.



CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The concept of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) was introduced in 1916 and has been evolving ever since. The current practice can be broken into four main categories, each with additional subcategories, and when each of them are addressed in an efficient manner, a property becomes less likely to be targeted by criminals. When a CPTED Professional conducts a survey, they look at the property and identify what changes could be made in order to make the area less inviting to unwanted activity, thus creating a safer community.

- **Natural Access Control:** Use signs at eye level or other directional tools to help guide people where to go and make it clear where they are not to enter.



- **Natural Surveillance:** Keep line of sight available at all times allowing for constant monitoring of the surrounding area.
- **Maintenance:** Keep trees and bushes trimmed and allow for people to use the space as it is intended to be.

- **Territorial Reinforcements:** Install appropriate lighting and make sure your entryway is made clear and visible.

If you are interested in your home or business being evaluated by a CPTED Professional please contact CSO Brantner at 714-741-5764 or brittaneeb@ggcity.org

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Crime:

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