

CRIME PREVENTION CONSIDERATIONS LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING

CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE

Consider the Natural Terrain

- Maximize the ability to see and be seen
- Define private space and separate from public space
- Control access points onto and within the property

Consider Conflict

- Will it cause conflict with people?
- Will it cause conflict with good activity or allow for bad activity?
- Will it reduce the ability to see or be seen?

Plant Placement

- Protect/defend vulnerable areas, i.e. Bougainvillea, or other thorny plant under a window
- Consider plant size at maturity
Will it interfere with visibility? Big, bushy shrubs create hiding places and block views.
Will it interfere with lighting? Trees are often planted next to light poles and at maturity, the tree blocks the light, creating a shadowy or dark area.

Lighting

- Uniform light levels throughout the property
- Porch lights should all be uniformly lit – we suggest they be management controlled and either hardwire or dusk-to-dawn
- Motion-detector fixtures can be useful in vulnerable areas to detect and deter entry
- Equip all light fixtures with Vandal Resistant Covers to prevent breakage

CONSIDERATIONS AFTER

Maintenance of Plants

- 3'-7' window of visibility – trim trees up to 7' and shrubs down to 3'
- All shrubs should be kept trimmed 6" below a window line
- Don't allow plants to become hiding places
- Well maintained landscaping sends the message that you respect your property and expect others to respect it also



Maintenance of Lights

- Replace burned out bulbs promptly
- Keep all fixtures well maintained
- Adjust on/off times seasonally as needed