



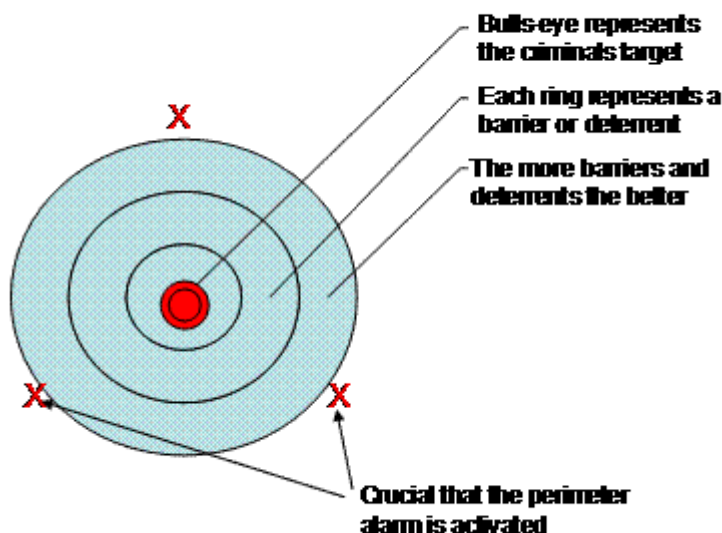
## **Crime Prevention with Constable Shaw**

### **C.P.T.E.D (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)**

Within the C.P.T.E.D. strategies, there are guidelines in respect to the "Target Hardening" process, which means that we look for as many ways as possible to "harden the target" (your building) against physical attack. There are three main components to the Targeting Hardening process, those being: Deter, Detect and Delay.

In this case, the target is a commercial building and my analogy is an archer's target. The archer's target diagram below clearly explains how important it is to have early detection, after which you should install as many deterrents, obstacles and barriers as possible in an effort to delay the criminal. This should give the criminal the perception that they only have a minimum amount of time before the arrival of the police. In some break and enters, these delays can either prevent any theft or at least, minimize your loss. The tips below explain the various ways to Deter and Delay the criminal.

### **Archers Target**



It is important to note that in many cases, criminals form perceptions about a prospective crime target based on the environment around the target, not necessarily the target itself. The vegetation within your landscaping can play a vital role in respect to whether or not a criminal targets your property, or moves on to an easier target where the possibility of being observed does not exist. Therefore, the landscaping around your property is a crucial component in the security of your facility and should be carefully planned. From a financial point of view, it only makes sense that your landscaping is as low maintenance as possible. Some of the following points will assist you in the implementation of a security-based landscaping plan:

- Remove any river rocks and secure loose interlocking bricks or other items that could be used as a weapon to break in.
- Plants in front of doors or windows should grow no higher than 3 feet.
- Avoid planting coniferous trees in front of doors or windows as these provide an area of concealment for someone while breaking in.
- Interlocking bricks that become loose should be repaired as soon as possible.
- Ensure that trees and plants do not interfere with the lighting around your property.
- Ensure good observation in all directions for employees when they are walking towards the parking lot.

- Install a clearly posted street number that can easily be seen by emergency services during daylight hours and hours of darkness.
- Check your property periodically for any objects that can be used as a weapon to break windows.

#### **Front glass doors:**

- Ensure that the glass is caulked into the frame to prevent removal by a criminal.
- Install 15-millimetre security film on all glass to deter the criminal. The security film should be professionally installed.
- Install a high-security deadbolt lock.
- Install a latch guard to prevent prying the door open.
- The door should have an alarm contact.

#### **Front vestibule area (if applicable):**

- Inner glass doors should have a high-security deadbolt lock.
- Install a latch guard to prevent prying.
- Glass windows in the vestibule area should have 15-millimetre security film installed behind the trim.
- Have a glass break sensor and a motion sensor installed in the vestibule area.

#### **External solid exit/entrance doors:**

- Higher security kalamein doors should be used for this application.
- Install a high-security deadbolt lock.
- Install an astragal (full-length latch guard) to prevent prying.
- Ensure that these doors have an alarm contact point.

#### **Windows:**

- Install 15-millimetre security film on windows and ensure that the film is installed behind the window trim.

#### **Inside office doors:**

- Install a good quality door with a high security deadbolt lock.
- If space permits, have the door open out which will be harder to kick in. If the door opens out, install a latch guard and security hinges.

#### **Inside offices:**

- Offices with a window should have an alarm glass break sensor installed for early detection.

#### **Computers:**

- CPU's should be equipped with a physical lock bolted to either the ground or the desk.
- High-end monitors and audio/video equipment should be equipped with security cables.
- All laptops should be locked in a secure cabinet.
- Laptops that are taken home by employees should be stored in the trunk of their vehicle during transportation.

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