



Neighbourhood Watch

CPTED Night Walk Checklist

This quick guide is designed to help you explore your neighbourhood together and identify simple opportunities to make it even safer, more welcoming, and easier to navigate. As you walk, use the checklist to spark conversation, highlight strengths, and note areas where small improvements could make a meaningful difference.

1. Lighting

- Where is lighting working well and creating a comfortable atmosphere?
- Are there areas that could benefit from a little extra brightness?
- Any lights that might need a new bulb or small adjustment?

2. Visibility & Clear Sightlines

- Can you easily see down the streets or walkways?
- Are there bushes, trees, or objects that could be trimmed or adjusted to improve visibility?
- Are entrances to homes and buildings easy to see from the street?

3. Natural Surveillance (“Eyes on the Street”)

- Are homes, porches, or windows positioned in a way that naturally overlooks public spaces?
- Are gathering areas (parks, mailboxes, pathways) visible to nearby homes?
- Are there simple changes that could help people see and be seen?



4. Maintenance & Upkeep

- Are walkways in good condition and easy to walk on?
- Do trees and shrubs look well cared for?
- Are there spots where a quick clean-up could make the space feel brighter and more inviting?

5. Access & Movement

- Are paths and sidewalks easy to follow at night?
- Is it clear where people should walk, enter, or exit?
- Are there shortcuts or hidden areas that could be made more welcoming?

6. Community Pride & Sense of Ownership

- Are there signs of neighbourhood pride (gardens, tidy spaces, community signs)?
- Is it easy to tell what areas are shared public spaces vs. private property?
- Are there opportunities to add small touches—like tidying shared spaces or adding planters—that help everyone feel connected?

7. Comfort & Overall Feeling

- Which areas feel especially welcoming or safe at night?
- Are there spots where small improvements could help people feel more at ease?
- What changes would make you feel even more comfortable walking here?