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NATIONAL PUBWATCH CONFERENCE

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Crime Prevention in the NTE

- TARGET HARDENING OF PREMISES
- KEEPING STAFF SAFE
- KEEPING CUSTOMERS SAFE
- CURRENT TRENDS
- HOW YOU CAN HELP





WHAT ARE DESIGNING OUT CRIME OFFICERS?

They work with architects, planners, developers and local authority departments to reduce the opportunity for crime by influencing / changing the built environment. Every Police Service will have their own DOCO.

- **TRAINED SPECIALISTS IN CHANGING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT TO REDUCE OPPORTUNITY FOR CRIME**
- **SERVICES ARE FREE TO PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTOR**
- **MAKE US PART OF THE CONVERSATION**



Secured by Design (SBD)

SBD is a national police initiative supporting the principles of 'designing out crime' by using effective crime prevention and security standards for:

Refurbishments

Regeneration

Public venues

Open Spaces

Commercial Buildings

Licensed Premises

In both new and existing environments

Environmental Visual Audits

➲ EVAs are site specific and designed to identify the environmental factors that contribute to crime and criminal behaviour and alter them.

➲ An EVA utilises local crime trends and analysis to minimise the risk of crime and criminal behaviour and leave a legacy of reduced criminal opportunity.

➲ Ideally these are primarily done through joint working with the premises rather than reviews or enforcement.

➲ Issues often identified during EVAs include:

- Lighting
- Access Control
- Basic Door and Window standards
- CCTV
- Management Practises









KEEPING PREMISES SAFE

Good Locks Are Fundamental- It is absolutely vital to invest in good locks

Smart Access- Consider smart locks and automatic door lock systems instead of standard locks. Although more expensive initially, they will give you an added element of control, making it easy to restrict or change access without needing new locks

Lighting- Make sure you limit dark areas on your property by installing security lighting. We recommend dusk to dawn lights around all aspects of the establishment. These will provide a low level of ambient light. If you're considering CCTV make sure you design the lighting to give good images in low light conditions

Alarms- The presence of a security alarm also is a big deterrent, letting potential criminals know you take security seriously.

Online and Cyber Security- Many businesses think that security stops with physical security. In the 21st Century crime is often either linked to online or social media behaviour

KEEPING STAFF SAFE

Triggers for violence-

- **Challenging those under the influence of drink or drugs**
- **Challenging those who look underage**
- **Challenging those committing offences**

Staff should be advised that an interaction with a customer in one of these scenarios has the potential to escalate into a violent or abusive incident and extra caution is required. Simply being aware of this and taking a cautious approach can make a difference.

Always report crime to police. Work with your local police neighbourhood teams.

Remember the safety of you and your staff should be paramount, if you ever feel at risk either stay securely in the building, or if necessary, contact police for assistance.

KEEPING CUSTOMERS SAFE

Train and talk to your staff about current issues

Welfare and vulnerability of your customers-

- **WAVE training packages**
- **Stamp out Spiking Charity**
- **Ask for Angela campaign**

CCTV, car park lighting, overgrown areas of gardens

Phone theft prevention

CURRENT TRENDS- Spiking

Police and Ambulance. Do NOT rely on test strips

Be aware of victim blaming, we should all be changing perpetrators behaviour

Drink spiking remains the most common method of spiking

Over half of victims are 16-29 years old

47% of suspects are strangers, suspects usually target younger victims in NTE venues

Over half of offences involve a sexual offence

Two thirds of offences take place over the weekend

CURRENT TRENDS- Cooking oil thefts

Ensure staff know who your grease collector is, what vehicles they use and what uniforms they wear.

Know what days of the week your grease collector attends.

Ask for ID if you believe people claiming to be contractors are suspicious.

Keep used oil safely locked up in a storage area while you await collection.

Use a forensic marking solution or write on your oil containers. This can help police to identify them if they are stolen and later recovered.

Consider fitting an alarm to any external storage facility.

Check your oil levels frequently to ensure they aren't fluctuating drastically between service visits.

Contact your supplier about the possibility of lockable tubs and drums to prevent siphoning.

Consider appropriate security lighting and CCTV.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Utilise online guides and toolkits

- NBCC
- Secured by Design
- Safer Business Network
- Stamp out Spiking
- Your local police service website

Work with your local BIDs, BCRPs and Police Neighbourhood teams

Any Questions?

