

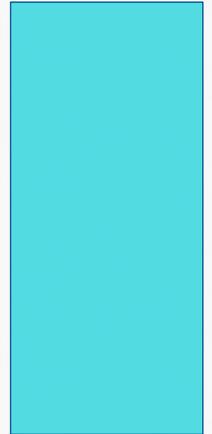
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# HOME AND FAMILY SAFETY

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# What are the 3 elements needed to commit a crime?



# Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Preventing crime by designing a physical environment that positively influences human behavior.

- *National Crime Prevention Council*

## Based on Four Principles:

1. Natural Access Control
2. Natural Surveillance
3. Territoriality
4. Maintenance

# Access Control

- Denies or restricts access.
- Directs people into buildings or sites at specific points that can be more easily monitored.
- Enhances surveillance or the ability to see or be seen.
- Increases risks perceived by offenders by controlling or restricting their movement



# Natural Surveillance

The placement of physical features, activities and people in a way that maximizes visibility.



Large windows promote casual supervision of sidewalk.

Porches and sidewalk encourage interaction between neighbors.

Paving and architectural treatments define public and private zones.

Good pedestrian-scaled lighting on street.

Low landscaping and fences define property lines without creating hiding places.

*Power House Growers*

# Territoriality

The use of physical attributes that express ownership such as fences, signage, landscaping, lighting, pavement designs, etc.



# Physical and Order Maintenance



# Order Maintenance

The attention to minor violations and reduction of opportunities for inappropriate behavior.

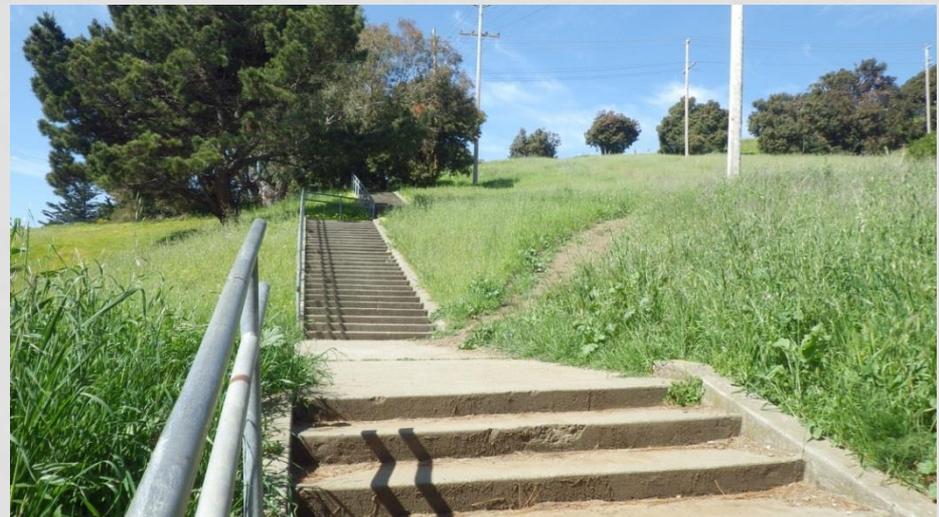
Key strategies include posting rules and expectations, using graffiti- and vandalism-resistant materials, and imposing quick, fair, and consistent consequences for violations.



# Physical Maintenance

The repair, replacement, and general upkeep of a space, building, or area.

Key strategies include the use of low-maintenance landscaping and architectural materials, trash collection and removal, and other programs to maintain a clean and orderly environment.



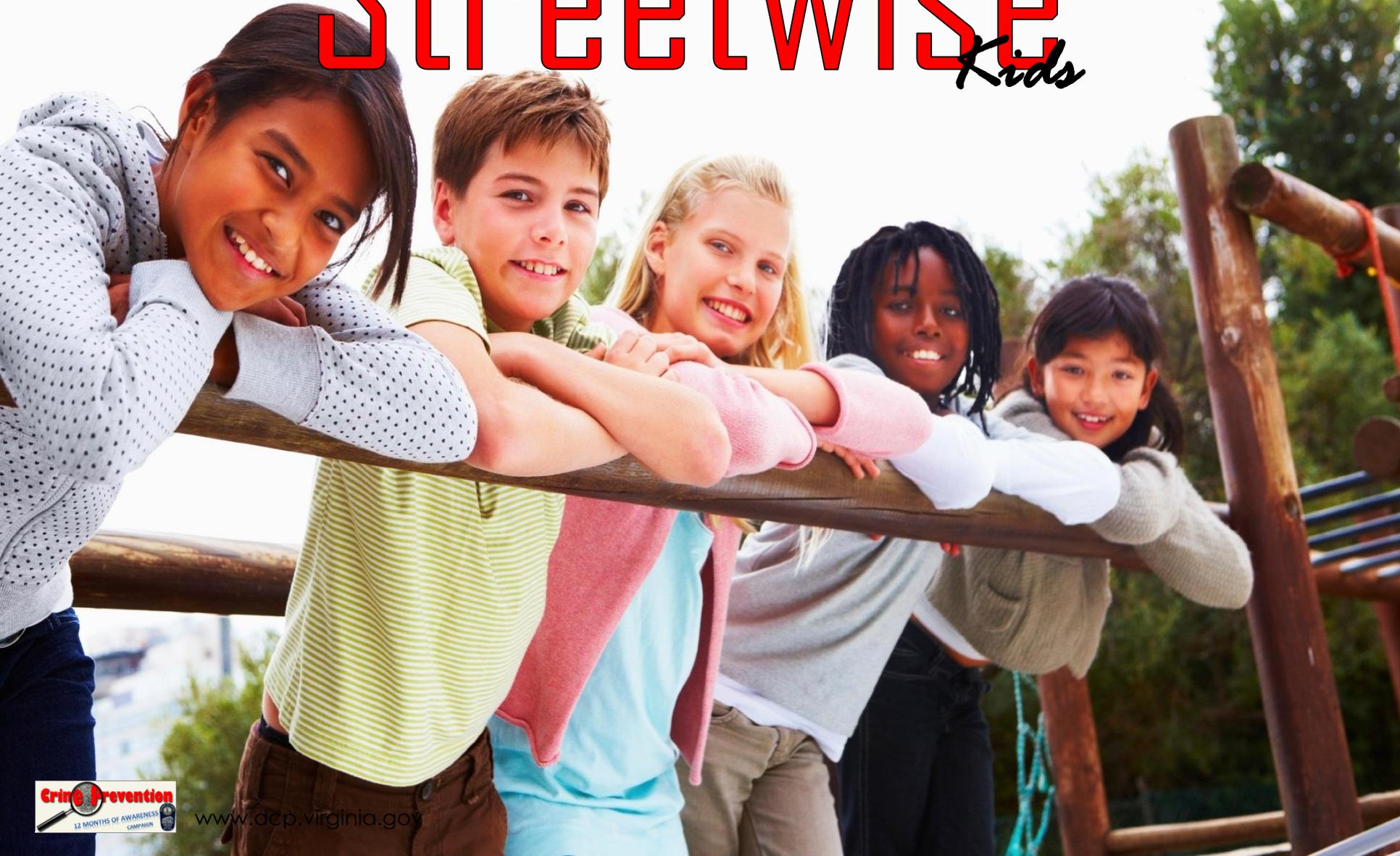
# Activity Support

Activity support promotes positive and appropriate events and behavior in an area.



Which playground looks more safer?

# Raising Streetwise Kids



# Crime Prevention Recommendations for Children

## **Begin with the Basics:**

- Make sure children know their full name, address, and telephone number including area code
- Be sure children know how to call 9-1-1
- Teach children never to accept rides or gifts from someone they don't know.
- Teach children that no one, not even someone they know, has the right to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard or police officer for help if lost

## PROTECTING YOUR CHILD AGAINST SEXUAL ABUSE

- ✓ Let your child know that he or she can tell you anything, and that you'll be supportive.
- ✓ Teach your child that no one — not even a teacher or a close relative — has the right to touch him or her in a way that feels uncomfortable, and that it's okay to say no, get away, and tell a trusted adult.
- ✓ Don't force kids to kiss or hug or sit on a grown-up's lap if they don't want to. This gives them control and teaches them that they have the right to refuse.
- ✓ Always know where your child is and who he or she is with.
- ✓ Tell your child to stay away from strangers who hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, and schools.
- ✓ Be alert for changes in your child's behavior that could signal sexual abuse such as sudden secretiveness, withdrawal from activities, refusal to go to school, unexplained hostility toward a favorite babysitter or relative, or increased anxiety. Some physical signs of abuse include bedwetting, loss of appetite, venereal disease, nightmares, and complaints of pain or irritation around the genitals.
- ✓ If your child has been sexually abused, report it to the police or a child protection agency immediately.

*If your child is a victim of any crime, from stolen lunch money to sexual abuse, don't blame him or her. Listen and offer sympathy.*

## TAKE A STAND!

- ✓ Work with schools and recreation centers to offer study time, activities, tutoring, and recreation before and after school.
- ✓ Start a school callback program. When a student—elementary, middle or high school age—doesn't arrive as scheduled, volunteers at the school call the parents to make sure the absence is excused.
- ✓ Volunteer to help with a McGruff House\* or other Block parent program. If you can't offer your home as a haven for children in emergencies, you can help in other ways—telephoning, fundraising, or public relations.

\* A McGruff House is a reliable source of help for children in emergency or frightening situations. Volunteers must meet specific standards, including a law enforcement records check. Programs are established locally as a partnership among law enforcement, schools, and community organizations. For information call 801-468-5768.



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## RAISING STREETWISE KIDS A Parent's Guide



# Resources:

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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design  
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