



**Situational Crime
Prevention
Or
Problem-Oriented
Situational Interventions**

POP and SCP - SIMILARITIES

- Both are preventive approaches
- One is defined within policing while the other is not
- Both originated in the 1970s, SCP in the UK and POP in the USA
- Both focus on highly specific problems
- Both use action research models

Crime Prevention

Intervening in the causal chain of *opportunity* to prevent crime from occurring



The English Heritage



- 1748, Judge Henry Fielding and the Bow Street runners
- Jonathan Wild story and Fieldings' failures
- Modern Police created in London (1829) under Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850)
(father of modern policing)





Sir Robert Peel's Nine Principles for Modern Policing

- 1) The basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder.**
- 2) The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions.**
- 3) Police must secure the willing cooperation of the public in voluntary observance of the law to be able to secure and maintain the respect of the law.**



Sir Robert Peel's Nine Principles for Modern Policing

- 4) The degree of cooperation of the public that can be secured diminishes proportionally to the necessity of the use of force.**

- 5) Police seek and preserve public favor not by catering public opinion, but by constantly demonstrating absolute impartial service to the law.**



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6) Police use physical force only to the extent necessary to secure observance of the law or to restore order only when exercise of persuasion, advice and warning is found to be insufficient.



Sir Robert Peel's Nine Principles for Modern Policing

- 7) Police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition; the Police are the public and the public are the police. The police being only full time individuals charged with the duties that are incumbent on all of the citizens.**

- 8) Police should always direct their action strictly towards their functions and never appear to usurp the powers of the judiciary.**



Sir Robert Peel's Nine Principles for Modern Policing

9) The test of police efficiency is the absence of crime and disorder, not the visible evidence of police action in dealing with it



Crime Prevention Model

- Prevention vs. Control
- Medical model approach to crime

Disease prevention

- 1) Primary- vaccinations
- 2) Secondary- screening tests
- 3) Tertiary- direct treatment

Suicides in Britain: The British Gas Suicide Story and Its Criminological Implications
Ronald V. Clarke and Pat Mayhew
Crime and Justice, Vol. 10, (1988), pp. 79-116 (article consists of 38 pages)
Published by: [The University of Chicago Press](http://www.press.uchicago.edu)

	All Methods	By Gas	Percentage by Gas
1958	5298	2637	50
1960	5112	2499	49
1962	5588	2469	44
1964	5566	2088	37
1966	4994	1593	32
1968	4584	988	22
1970	3940	511	13
1972	3770	197	5
1974	3899	50	1
1976	3816	14	0.4

Opportunities – 4 years of data

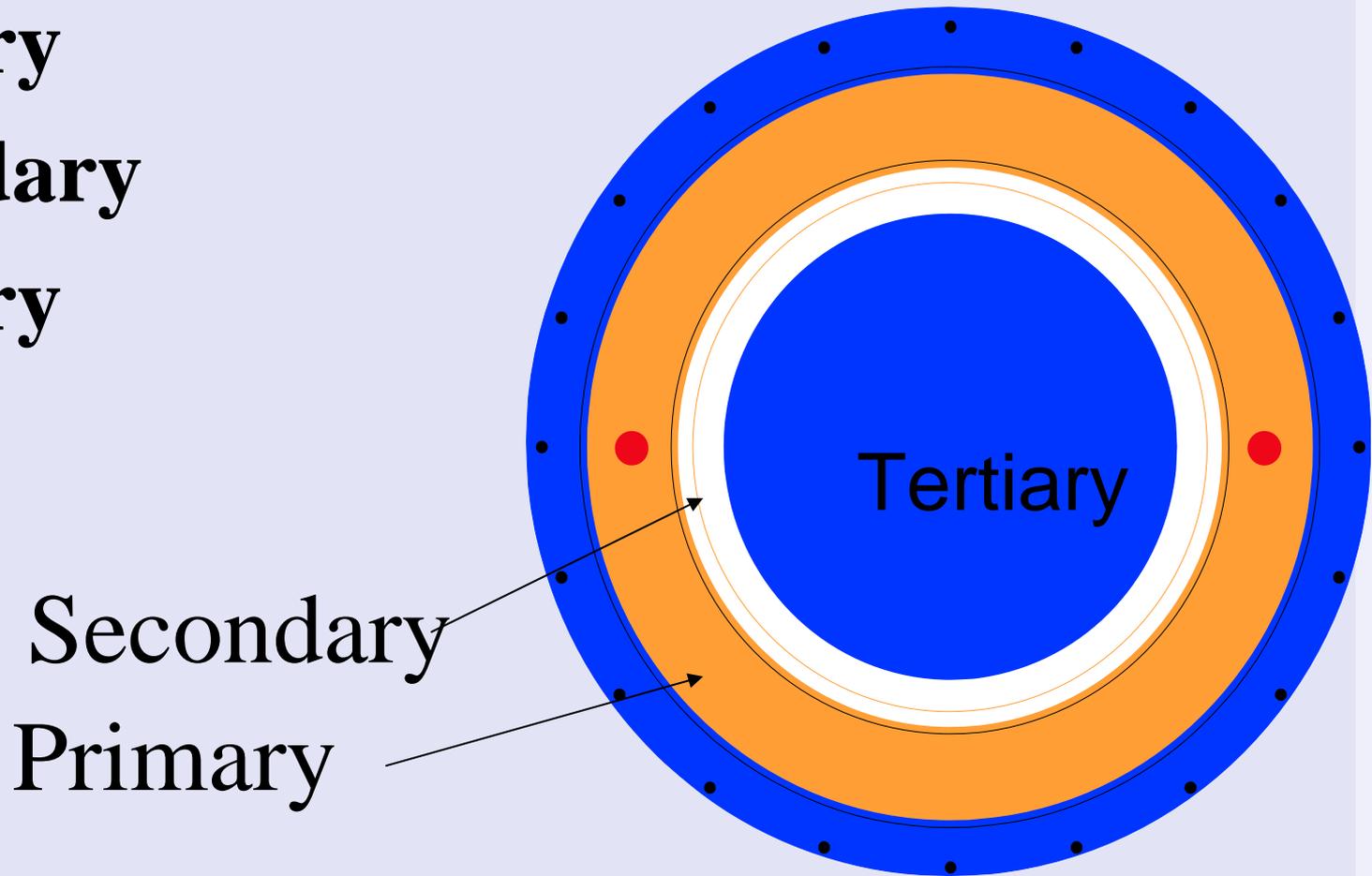
	Handgun Murders	Rate per 1 million
United States	46,553	40.15
England & Wales	57	0.23

3 Stages of Defense

Primary

Secondary

Tertiary



Secondary

Primary

Three zones of protection (physical)

- Using business analogy
 1. Primary: perimeter areas
 2. Secondary: the building itself
 3. Tertiary: interior of the facility



Primary Crime Prevention

- Environmental criminology
 - Opportunity-reducing measures
- Architectural design (CPTED)
- Create defensible space
 - Can we create ‘territoriality’???

Secondary Prevention

- Early identification of potential offenders
- Decentralized, micro-level identification of problems and interventions
- Manipulating immediate environments

Tertiary Prevention

- Offenses have already occurred
- Formal CJ system is now involved
(Failure?)
- Specific Deterrence
- Incapacitation
- Rehabilitation & Treatment

Two ways to prevent crime

1. Change people's criminal motivations
2. Reduce opportunities for crime

Focus of New Crime Theories

- Crime, not criminality
- Events, not dispositions
- Near, not distant causes of crime
- How crime occurs, not why it happens

Analyzing criminal events

- 3 basic theories
 - 1) Rational choice (Cornish & Clarke)
 - 2) Routine Activities (Cohen & Felson)
 - 3) Environmental criminology (Brantingham)

(1) Rational Choice

■ MAJOR PREMISE

Hedonism among situational factors

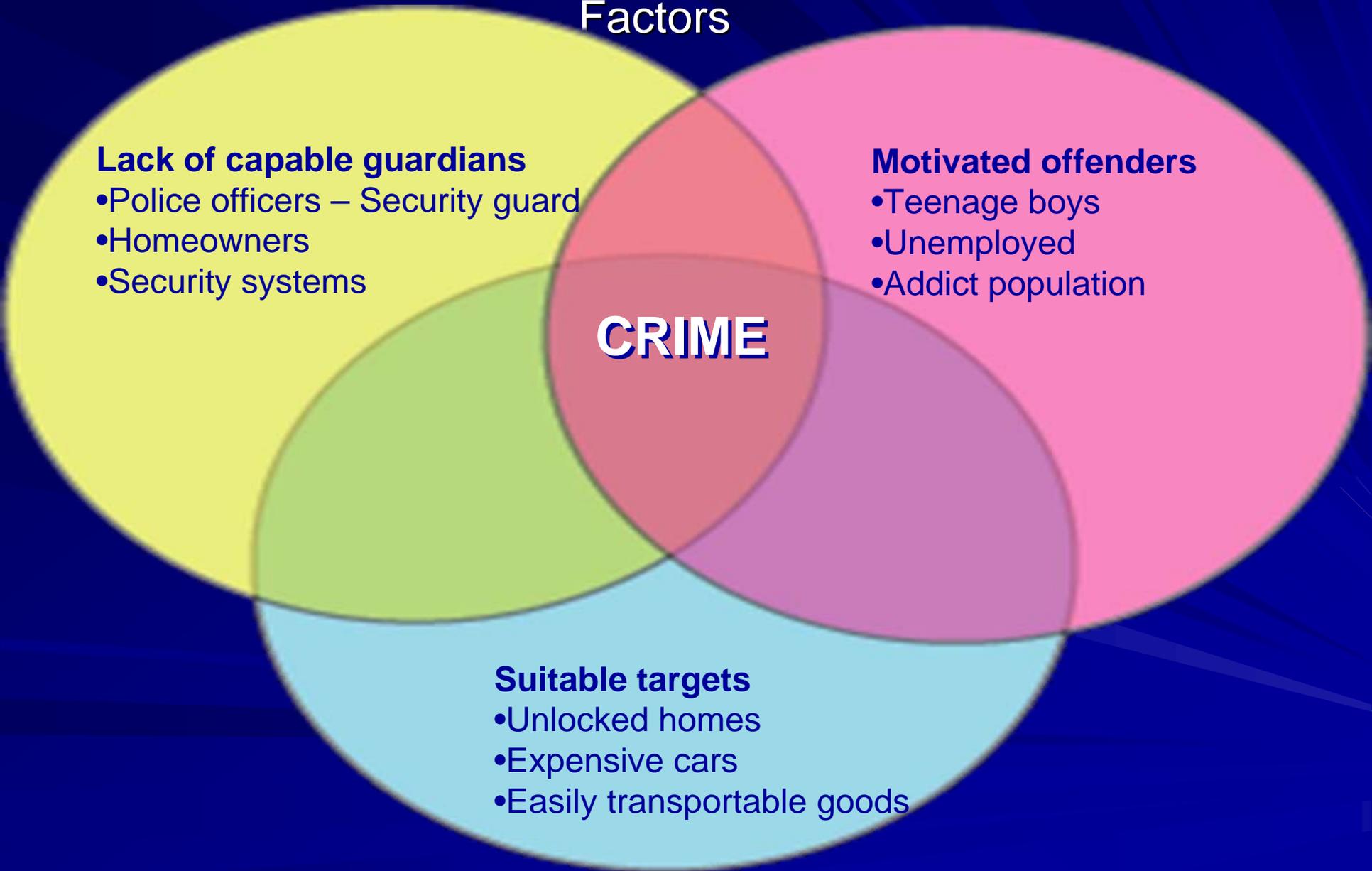
Practical Limits of Deterrence

- Penalties often learned well *after* arrest
- Underestimate risk of being caught
- Clearance rates are generally low
- Criminals easily replaced

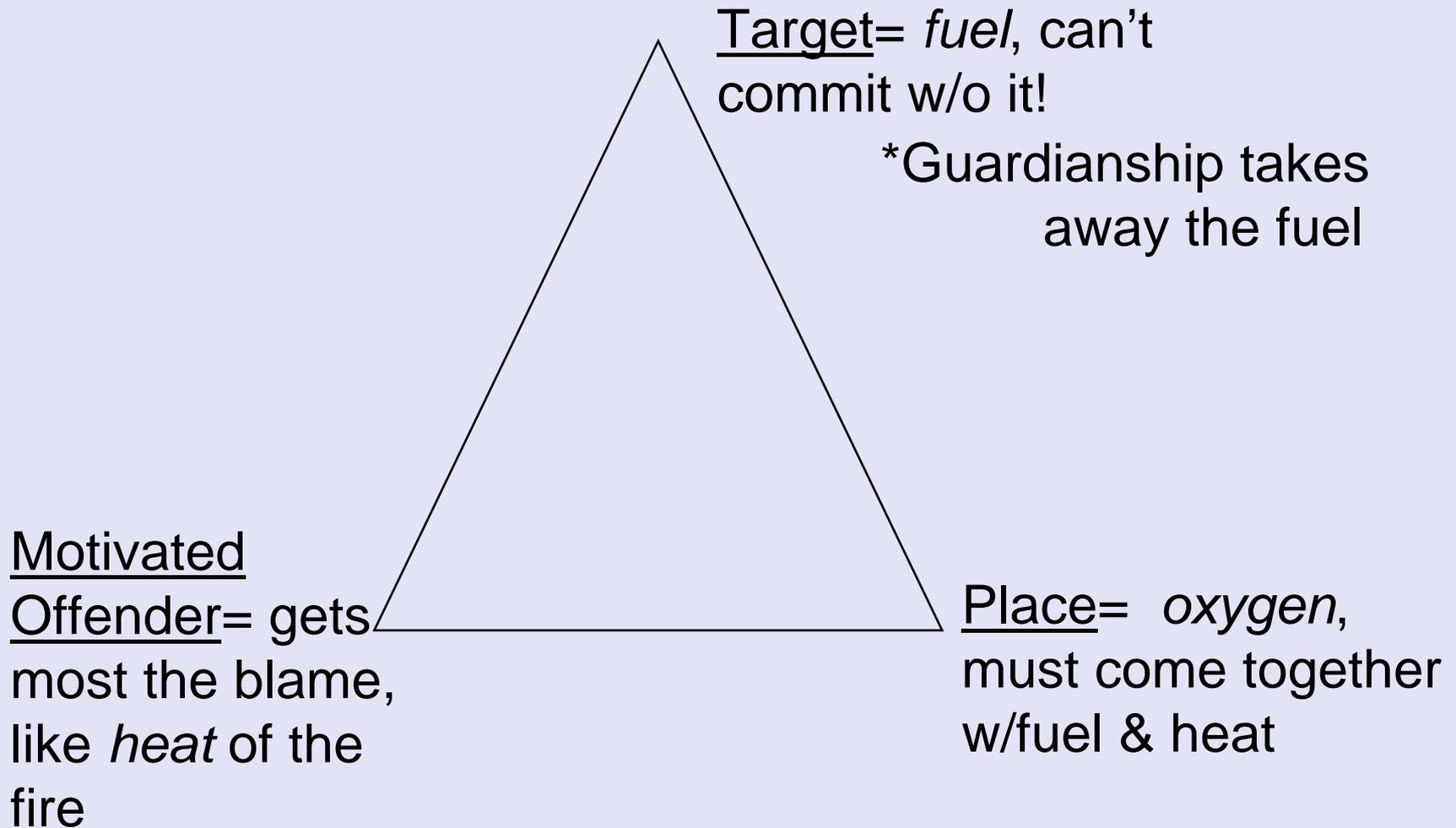
From Deterrence to Rational Choice

- Deterrence theory focuses on the impact of *punishment* on criminal choices
- Rational choice theory focuses on the impact of *opportunity* on criminal choices

(2) Routine Activities Theory: The Interaction of Three Factors



(2) Routine Activities Theory



(3) Environmental Criminology

- Opportunity makes the thief (Step 9)
- DO NOT be offender focused
- Impossible mandate if the police focus on offenders
 - Use SCP / POP TOOLS to impact spatial opportunities
 - High percentage of crime concentrated in small number of places
- ❖ Jellystone Park (Warrens, Wisconsin)

Theoretical Implications

- If 'opportunity' is true.....
- Crime rates may change without changes in the social conditions that *motivate* crime

#2 Hot spot intersection



#2 Hot Spot Bus Stop Location



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#2 Hot Spot Bus Location



TWENTY FIVE TECHNIQUES OF SITUATIONAL PREVENTION

Increase the Effort	Increase the Risks	Reduce the Rewards	Reduce Provocations	Remove Excuses
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Increase the Effort

- Harden Targets- Target stores
- Deflect Offenders – MSU football
- Control Tools/Weapons
 - Disable cell phones, Federal gun laws

Increase the Risks

- Extend guardianship
 - NAD
- Assist natural surveillance
- Reduce Anonymity
 - More important than severity of punishment
- Utilize place managers
 - Scrap dealers

Reduce the Rewards

- Remove targets
 - Cash in robberies
- Identify property
 - Metal theft
- Disrupt markets (market reduction approaches)
- Deny benefits
 - Speed bumps, ink tags

Reduce the Provocations

- Reduce frustrations and stress
 - Appleton, WI school
- Avoid disputes
 - Pub crawls, fixed taxi rates
- Neutralize peer pressure
 - Meth ads
- Discourage imitation
 - NY subway graffiti

Remove the Excuses

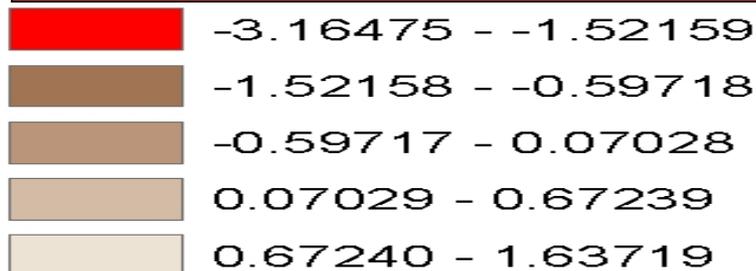
- Set Rules
 - hotel registration
- Alert conscience
 - shoplifting ramifications
- Assist compliance
 - public bathrooms, garbage cans
- Control drugs and alcohol
 - bar breathalyzers

Collective Efficacy

As anonymity increases
Informal social control
(i.e., informal social control?)

Residential Stability

STABILITY



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Measure of Association (Step 33)

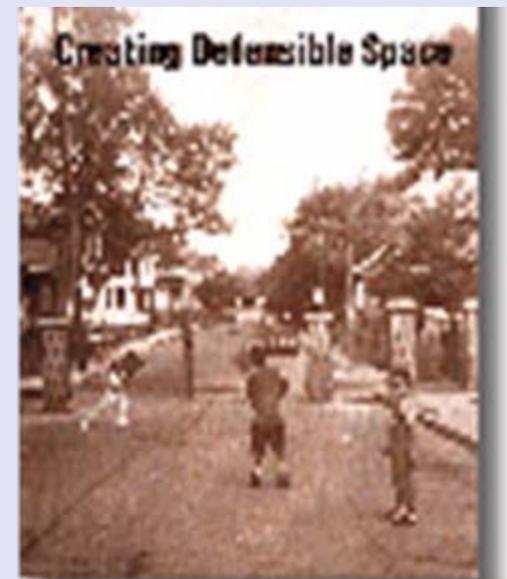
Incident	Odds Ratio
Alcohol	(2 yrs) 1.229 – (6 yrs) 9.693
Armed Robbery	(2 yrs) 1.244 – (6 yrs) 8.769
Domestic Abuse	(2 yrs) 1.266 – (6 yrs) 8.425
Narcotics	(2 yrs) 1.404 – (6 yrs) 11.631
Obstruction	(2 yrs) 1.333 – (6 yrs) 9.205
Weapons	(2 yrs) 1.203 – (6 yrs) 7.899
Total Crime	(2 yrs) 1.305 – (6 yrs) 10.454

Defensible Space



The Author

- Oscar Newman- 1972
 - Brownsville & Van Dyke housing projects
- Elements
 - 1) Territoriality
 - 2) Natural Surveillance
 - 3) Image



The Book

POP start-up: bars

- Get officers asking questions!
- What are the worst bars and what are the crimes in and around those bars?
- Where do local people get drunk and why?
- Which bars have no crime and may help neighborhoods? Why?

POP start-up: parks

- Get officers asking questions!
- Which parks are facilitating crime?
- Why? How? When?
- What is crime like near the park?
- Which park has a lot of women and children and less crime? What is the design of that park?

POP start-up: B & E

- Get officers asking questions!
- Break down the information
- What type of structures are broken into day/night/weekdays/weekends, etc.
- What percentage are repeat victims? You may need to ask for this data directly?

Situational Interventions for addressing problems

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