Situational Crime Prevention

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More on **Situational Crime Prevention**

https://popcenter.asu.edu/content/25-techniques

**Situational Crime Prevention in problem analysis**

https://popcenter.asu.edu/content//crime-analysis-problem-solvers-60-small-steps
The SARA Problem-Solving Process

- **Scanning**
- **Analysis**
- **Assessment**
- **Response**
Three Requirements

You know something about the problem

You think with a useful framework

You have multiple solutions to choose among

Next, analysis of problems

Second, choices and situations

Third, situational crime prevention
Knowledge of the Problem

Who?
Where?
When?
What?

Description of the problem near end of analysis

How do I find a solution?
Solution Frameworks

Propensities matter
- Punishment & sanctions
- Aid, treatment, rehabilitation

Opportunities matter
- 25+ techniques

Combo solutions
Opportunities & Situations

- People make choices
  - They are somewhat rational
  - They have purposes
  - They are lazy, weak, fall to temptation
  - They make mistakes

- They choose based on situations
  - Physical environment
  - Social incentives
  - Tool availability

- Change the environment, change the choice
  - What changes are useful
  - Who controls the environment
Perspectives on Crime

Propensity to offend
Propensity to not offend

Most people
- Crime facilitating
- Crime suppressing
- Crime neutral
Situations & Choice in Retail
Experts have lots of tools. Novices have a single tool.
Think Like an Offender

It’s their perceptions of the situation that matter.
Five Offender Choice Criteria

- **Efforts** – if it is easy to do, do it.
- **Risks** – if it has limited or manageable risk, do it.
- **Rewards** – if it is useful, fun, or gratifying, do it.
- **Provocations** – if pushed, enticed, or provoked, do it.
- **Excuses** – if I can offer a plausible excuse, do it.

You want to reverse engineer crime opportunities.
Principles

• Highly crime specific
• Tailored to particular situation
• Based on the offenders’ purposes
• Focus on the offenders’ views of the situation
• Close to *where* offender will make the choice
• Close to *when* the offender will make the choice

• *Not* generic
• *Not* broad
• *Not* your purposes
• *Not* victims’ views
• *Not* far away
• *Not* far from now
Increasing Effort

• Harden Target  
  Door locks, fences, passwords, walls, etc

• Control Access  
  ID checks at entrances, Curb cuts, fewer doors

• Screen Exits  
  Check when leaving, pay booths

• Deflect Offenders  
  Rail humps against skate boarding, one way streets, easy departure

• Control Tools  
  Restricting spray paint, pseudoephedrine controls
Target Hardening

Metal roller shutter on a neighborhood store

Harlech Castle, Wales. 13th-14th Centuries

Ben & Jerry's Ben & Jerry's Pint Lock
$13.99

They can steal your heart, but don't let them make a single scoop thanks to the Ben & Jerry's Pint Lock. Exclusively developed by our resident hardware fans, this state-of-the-art security system features a combination lock and is about as close as you can get to Fort Knox for your frozen treasures. Send two gifts today.
Access Control

Alley gate protecting rear entrances to row house apartments
Access Control

Roman & modern access control
After a base-jumper leaped off this tower crane, the construction company barricaded its base.
Exit Screening
Deflect Offenders

Speeding

Skateboarding

Sleeping
Controlling Tools

Sign near Cincinnati Reds’ ballpark.

**HEADED TO THE BALLPARK?**
LEAVE YOUR BACKPACK IN YOUR CAR

To ensure ballpark safety and expedite the screening process,
BACKPACKS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED INTO GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK.

greatamericannationalpark.com

**OVER 16?**
You must be over 16 to purchase spray paint

Acceptable forms of ID:
- Cards bearing the PASS hologram
- Photographic Driving Licence
- Passport

PNC BANK

The safety of our employees and customers is our foremost concern.

We request that you remove any hats, caps, sunglasses or hoods while inside this financial institution.

Thank you for choosing PNC BANK
Increasing Risk

- **Extend Guardianship**: Have students protect each other, cocoon neighborhood watch
- **Assist Natural Surveillance**: Improve lightning, increase sight lines, encourage reporting
- **Reduce Anonymity**: Greeters at banks, employee name tags
- **Use Place Managers**: Train employees, assign prevention responsibilities
- **Strengthen formal surveillance**: Security guards, alarms, actively monitored CCTV
Extend Guardianship

**First Dates Can Suck**

Are they not as they appeared on their profile?  Do they still live with their parents?  Are you just plain sick of their face?  **WE CAN HELP!**

Just go to the bartender and order a **ANGEL SHOT**

**NEAT:** Your bartender will escort you to your car

**WITH ICE:** Your bartender will call an Uber or Lyft

**WITH LIME:** Your bartender will call the police!

Our professionally trained staff will handle things discreetly and without fuss.  We've all been there, we are here to help.
Assist Natural Surveillance
Reduce Anonymity
College student, employed by the city, helping tourist at an old cemetery in downtown Halifax, NS
Businesses keeping areas around them clean

Business Improvement District
Formal Guardianship & Place Management

Entry guard

Inattentive library employee
Access control, Target Hardening, & Surveillance

Outside staircase enclosed in a metal screen with key code entry locks, watched over by CCTV.
Decrease Rewards

• **Conceal Targets**
  - Lock stuff in car trunk, use lockers

• **Remove Targets**
  - Keep targets out of area

• **Identify Property**
  - Use of name tags and ids

• **Disrupt Markets**
  - Restrictions on used phone sales

• **Deny Benefits**
  - Exploding ink tags, cell phone shut-down options
Concealing Targets
Concealing Targets, Access Control & Surveillance

Designated package room in new apartments for students
Removing Targets

Faced with robberies of bus drivers in the 1960s, transit systems move to exact fare today it goes without comment

DANGEROUS APPS

How to keep kids away from predators on the internet?
Identify Property
Health risk grading is used for restaurants. Crime risk grading could be used for some commercial places.
Denying Benefits

Exploding ink tags & anti-poaching

Putting only one component of this device on display (the clerk gives you the other piece at checkout)
Denying Benefits or something else?

Original sign & revised version
## Decrease Provocations

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Reduce Frustration & Stress
Avoid Disputes

Separating opposing fans

Reducing conflict due to line jumping
Reduce Emotional Arousal

Children from predators

Private changing rooms
Neutralize Peer Pressure

I said 'NO!' Bar

you also can

TEEN DRIVERS ARE NOT TAXIS
Keep yourself safe by limiting passengers.

Developed at National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health (ICMR), Mumbai
Discourage Imitation

Rapid graffiti removal also reduces rewards
Decrease Excuses

- **Set Rules**
  - Lease provisions, trespass warnings

- **Post Instructions**
  - Signage displaying rules

- **Alert Conscience**
  - Speed monitors, “texting annoys” messages in theaters

- **Assist Compliance**
  - Providing dog poop bags, emptying public trash cans

- **Control Drugs & Alcohol**
  - Banning alcohol from venue, charging high prices for alcohol
# PARK RULES

The park is open from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. To ensure public safety and to preserve the park, the following are prohibited:

- Vehicles, rollerblading or skateboarding
- Stealing, damaging or defacing property
- Amplified sound or commercial activity unless authorized by permit
- Solicitation
- Unauthorized alcohol use
- Interfering with a permitted event
- Drug use or other illegal activity
- Glass containers
- Littering

Smoking and tobacco use are prohibited.

Dogs must be on a leash. Please pick up after your dog.

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**RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LEASE AGREEMENT**

This Lease Agreement (this "Agreement") is made as of this ______, by and between __________ ("Landlord") and __________ ("Tenant"). Each Landlord and Tenant may be referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

1. **Premises.** The premises leased is ______ located at ________, ________, ________ ________ (the "Premises").

2. **Agreement to Lease.** Landlord agrees to lease to Tenant and Tenant agrees to lease from Landlord, according to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Premises.

3. **Term.** This Agreement will be for a term beginning on ________ and ending on ________ (the "Term").

4. **Rent.** Tenant will pay Landlord a monthly rent of ________ for the Term. Rent will be payable in advance and due on the ________ day of each month during the Term. The first rent payment is payable to Landlord when Tenant signs this Agreement. Rent for any period during the Term which is for less than one month will be prorated portion of the monthly installment. Rent will be paid to Landlord at Landlord’s address provided herein (or to such other places as directed by Landlord) by mail or in person by one of the following methods: and will be payable in U.S. Dollars.

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Post Instructions
Alert Conscience

There is no poop fairy. PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL

CHILDREN AT PLAY

YOUR SPEED 45

Heyday Customer Parking ONLY (don't be a jerk)
Rule Setting, Instructions, and Conscience

A Few Ground Rules
Quelques règles de base

Welcome...Old cemetery in Halifax, NS

Many of the stones date from the 1700s and have become fragile with the passage of time and exposure to the elements. We invite you to explore the grounds, but ask you to tread carefully and treat the stones with respect. Please keep the grounds clean. Gravestone rubbing is not permitted.

For more information about early Haligonians, visit the Public Archives of Nova Scotia, or St. Paul’s Church.

Visitors enter the grounds at their own risk.

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Old cemetery in Halifax, NS
Assisting Compliance
Controlling Drugs & Alcohol

Boundary marker on the sidewalk at the edge of a public drinking zone.

DORA = Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area
# 25 Techniques of Situational Crime Prevention

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*A checklist or reminder*
Mixed Messages

Implementation matters.
Unclassifiable

Sign found at an elite California university medical school.
Does Crime Always Displace?

NO!!!
Often no displacement
Sometimes partial displacement
Seldom full displacement

Frequently nearby places improve
Comprehensive Application

Different appropriate situational interventions

Long Before
Just Before
During
After

Efforts
Risks
Rewards
Provocations
Excuses

A hypothetical action plan
Keep in Mind

• No technique works everywhere – assess
• A technique will work somewhere
• Multiple techniques may work better
• Be creative – there are lots of ways to apply each technique
Selecting

✓ Does it **fit** what you know about the problem?
✓ Are there **multiple** techniques that can help?
✓ Is there **evidence** of it working in the past?
✓ Is it **affordable**?
✓ Are your **partners** capable of doing it?
✓ Is it **moral, legal, and acceptable** in your area?
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