

Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria

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crime prevention victoria

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Presentation Overview



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Community Safety Spectrum



**Drugs &
Alcohol**

**Workplace
Safety**

**Crime
Prevention**

**Education
Employment**

**Transport
& Roads**

**Urban
Safety**

**Positive
Early
Intervention**

**Environment -
Built and Natural**

**Home
Safety**

**Public
Health**

**Fire &
Emergency
Services**

**Law
Enforcement /
Corrections**

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Background

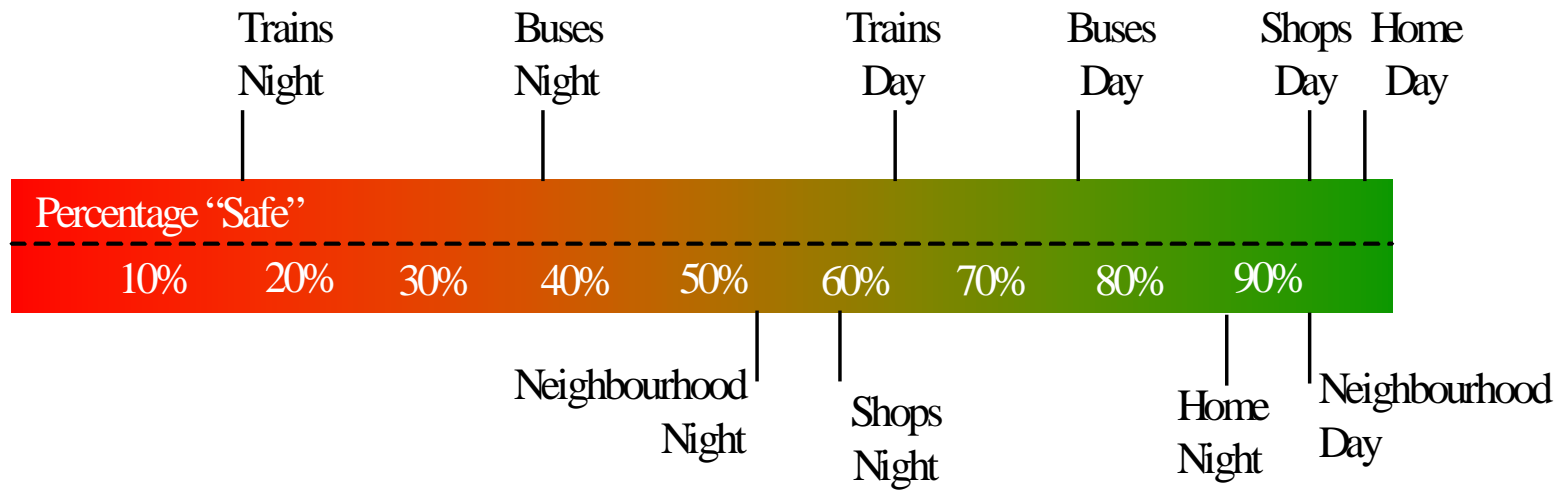


Since 1990, Victoria has been committed to community safety and crime prevention at the local level through:

- Safer Communities
- Police & Community Consultative Committees
- Safer Cities & Safer Shires
- Local Safety Committees

Background

Where people feel “Safe”



Respondents were asked to rate their safety in a number of scenarios, on a scale from 1 to 10 where 1 is very unsafe and 10 is very safe. Those who rated 7 to 10 are considered to have rated themselves as “safe”.

Source: Victorian Local Safety Survey

Planning for Safer Environments



Development of local safety strategies emphasised the critical role design and planning plays in the reduction of crime and increasing perceptions of safety in the public environment.



Planning for Safer Environments



CPV was requested by a number of local governments to develop a state-wide consistent set of 'CPTED' principles for local government to adopt and a complementary training package that was flexible, low cost and could be delivered in-house.



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Safer Design principles:

- Reduce opportunities for crime
- Improve perceptions of safety
- Increase community participation – day & evening
- Achieve connection & integration of streets & public places
- Create more liveable & sustainable environments



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Department of
Sustainability and
Environment

Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria an introduction

Summary booklet
launched in October
2003 by Minister for
Police and
Emergency Services
and Minister for
Planning



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Guidelines also used in State Government related Strategies and Programs:



- **Melbourne 2030**
- **Transit Cities**
- **Neighbourhood Renewal**
- **Physical Activities Strategy**
- **Walking Action Plan**
- **Womens Safety Strategy**
- **Community Building**



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Melbourne 2030 clearly identifies key policies to improve community safety and well-being that will:

- *'Improve community safety and encourage design that makes people feel safe'*
- *'Promote neighbourhood design to create attractive, walkable and diverse communities'.*

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Consultation to identify shared synergies of different design disciplines included:

- **CPTED/Safer Design,**
- supportive environments for **physical activities,**
- **shade** provision to reduce the risk of skin cancer,
- **access** for people with disabilities and
- **road user safety.**



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Next Steps

- Joint launch by Ministers for Police and Planning.
- Printing and distribution of the Safer Design guidelines to local governments and key stakeholders
- Distribution of training package to all local governments.

Lessons Learned



1. Local government lead ensured ownership
2. Partnerships from the beginning critical
3. Use existing programs and consultations as leverage
4. Integrate complementary design principles
5. Timing