Three Decades of Community Partnerships in Crime Prevention -
The Singapore National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) Story

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About NCPC

- Set up in 1981 to promote crime prevention education and self-help in crime prevention
- Non-profit organisation
- 25 Council members comprising community and industry leaders, law enforcers and policy makers
- Appointed by the Minister for Home Affairs.
Our Vision
Making Singapore Safe & Secure for All

Our Mission
We Work in Partnership with the Community and the Police to Prevent Crime
Raise the level of public awareness and concern about crime prevention.

Encourage self-help in crime prevention.

Coordinate efforts of organisations in crime prevention.

Develop and recommend crime prevention strategies.
About Singapore

Total Population:
5.38 million

Resident Population:
3.8 million

Size:
Land Area: 714 sq km

Population Density:
7,257 persons/sq km

Percent living in Public Housing:
About 82%
About Singapore
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Crime in Singapore

- Very low crime rate
- 581 cases/100K population
- Strong support from corporate and community partners
- Conscientious law enforcement
Crime Situation

• Falling crime rate. In 2012, it was the lowest ever recorded.
• Of significance: out of 366 days in 2012, 175 days free from Robbery and 163 days free from Snatch Theft.
• Putting the two sets of figures together, 80 days were free from confrontational property crime in Singapore.
Total Crimes & Crime Rates (1991 to 2012)

Crime per 100K population

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Crime & Global Competitiveness

- World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Report 2012-2013
- Singapore ranked world’s 2nd most competitive economy
- Least problematic factors: Crime & Theft, Corruption
- Police Reliability: Singapore 3rd
- Organised Crime: Singapore 5th
Strengthening the Hardware
Community Protection
Strengthening the Hardware

- Building Protection Workgroup - MHA, MND, BCA, FSSD, SCDF, ISD, SPF, HDB and URA.

- Simple, practical and cost effective security measures and building design considerations.

- A useful introduction to building owners, developers, designers, and contractors on enhancing the safety of our buildings.
Strengthening the Hardware

• MHA Homefront Security Division – in consultation with SPF, ISD, SCDF, BCA, URA.

• A reference guide on building security practices.

• Provide useful information to building owners, developers, designers and contractors on enhancing the safety of our buildings.
Strengthening the Hardware

• Hotel Security - The SHA Manual

• Produced by the Singapore Police Force, the Singapore Hotel Association and the National Crime Prevention Council.

• The Manual serves as a good guide on hotel security
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Guidebook

- Published in 2003 by NCPC
- To raise awareness of homeowners, developers, architects, & town planners on CPTED
- Contributions from key partners such as:
  - Building & Construction Authority
  - Housing & Development Board
  - National Parks Board
  - National University of Singapore
  - Real Estate Developers’ Association of Singapore
  - Singapore Contractors Association Limited
  - Singapore Institute of Architects
  - Institution of Engineers Singapore
  - Singapore Institute of Landscape Architects
Sight Lines

- Sight line is defined as the desired line of vision in terms of both breath and depth. The inability to see what is ahead along a route due to sharp corners, walls, earth berms, fences, bushes or pillars can be serious impediments to the feeling of being safe.
Lighting

• Sufficient lighting is necessary for people to see and be seen. From a security point of view, lighting that is strategically placed can have a substantial impact on reducing the fear of crime.
CPTED Guidebook

Management of Built Space & Security

• Management should have explicit policies related to security that allow for improving the quality of the environment and fostering a sense of common purpose.
Land Use Mix

- A variety of land use mix should be encouraged with emphasis on residential and appropriate supporting services.
Industrial Areas

• Land parcels and buildings should be visible from public or secondary roads.

• Driveways should meet in areas where there are activities and orientation of buildings could be such that driveways are visible from the buildings.
Activity Generators

- Activity generators are uses or facilities that attract people, create activities and add life to the street or space and thus reduce the opportunities for crime.
CPTED Guidebook

Checklist for users

Ten categories:

1. Sight lines
2. Lighting
3. Concealed or isolated routes
4. Entrapment areas
5. Isolation
6. Land use mix
7. Activity generators
8. Ownership, maintenance and management
9. Signs and information
10. Overall design
Expanding the Software
Community Outreach
Vigilance against crime

1986

1992
Low Crime Doesn’t Mean No Crime

1996

2008
Housebreaking

1998

2003

“GOOD NEWS”
FOR CRIMINALS.

FOR THEFT
Interested parties may use easily accessible tools inside to break in.

Stop welcoming criminals into your home. Put your tools away after using them. Install good quality gates on doors and windows.

Together we can prevent crime
Cybercrime 2001
Crime Prevention for the Elderly

2003

What kind of monsters will rob a poor and vulnerable granny?

2004

"魔石"能治病的谎言。

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Crime Prevention for Kids

2009

Do not allow strangers into the house. Keep your door locked at all times.

Never accept gifts, car rides or follow strangers to any place.

Do not hang out alone at public places.

Don't accept gifts from strangers.
Anti-Illlegal Betting

2010
Unlicensed Money Lending

2010

Don’t let Ah Longs control you.

2012

STAY AWAY FROM AH LONGS OR YOU’LL HAVE A HELL OF A LIFE.

Stay away from a life of torment, fear and shame.

- Don’t lend them your Ah Longs or you will end up with a debt you can never repay.
- Don’t help your friends or family who have Ah Longs, they could end up in debt.
- Don’t give them your personal information or they could do things you don’t want.

Stay away from a life of crime.

- Don’t lend, receive or invest in Ah Long transactions.
- Don’t provide any goods or services to Ah Longs.

For urgent police assistance, call 999.

If you have any information about illegal money lenders, call the 1-800-9-24-5664.
Television Commercial
Television Commercial
Scam Alert

2012

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Various Channels

Buses

Trains

Taxis
Various Channels

Billboards on buildings

Decals on lift doors

Signboards at bus stops
Deepening the Heartware
Community Engagement

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Children & Youth

- Reaches out to children & youths, and their parents
- Crime Prevention Proficiency Badge Scheme
- School Talks / Collaterals
- Work with other agencies
Youth - Delta League
Delta League

- A youth engagement project by Singapore Police Force and NCPC

Harnessing the Energy of Youth

Steering Youths Away from Crime

Developing Sense of Social Responsibility

Encouraging Personal Development

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Senior Citizens

• Brings crime prevention messages to the elderly
• Crime Prevention Ambassadors
  • Peer influencers / Volunteers for community events
Housing & Neighbourhoods

- Deals with Crime Prevention in Residential Areas
- Neighbourhood Watch Zone (NWZ) Scheme
- NWZ Competition and NWZ Day

Citizens on Patrol
Neighbourhood Watch

- 650 NWZs, 800 NWGs
- Residents getting together to protect own neighbourhoods
- Police give crime info & training; organise patrols
- CSSP: Community solution to specific safety problem
- Collaboration of Police with all interested parties

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Safety & Security Watch Groups

- Commercial building watch groups; 100 SSWG clusters, 800 buildings
- Industry SSWGs
- Selected sectors; links and agreements with Police
- Robust anti-crime & terrorism measures
Commercial Premises

Works with corporate partners on crime prevention
Construction Worksites

- Deals with crime prevention issues at worksites
- Construction Video and Handbook
- Crime Prevention Talks
- Crime Prevention Ambassadors
Hotels

- Works closely with the Hotel Industry on crime prevention measures
- Co-organise Hotel Security Dialogue Sessions and Conferences
- Development of Hotel Security Manual
- SS545 – The Singapore Standard for Hotel Security
Transport
Partnerships with the public transport sector on crime prevention measures
Banks

Working with the Association of Banks in Singapore (ABS) to produce awareness campaigns on Scams.
Special Events
Mass Media

TV

Radio

Newspapers
Crime Watch trailer
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Information Technology

- Work with related agencies on **Cyberonia**
  1. Singapore Police Force
  2. Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore
  3. Media Development Authority
  4. Ministry of Education
  5. Inter Ministry Cyber Safety Committee

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