

Secured by Design

Placing design between crime and the community



Secured by Design in the community

- Police, industry and public partnerships
- Initiatives to design-against-crime
- Technology, contacts and advice on how to reduce crime

Adopted by police forces in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to achieve higher standards of security in the interests of reducing crime.

Achieved by:

- Applying design-against-crime principles to the built environment
- Addressing crime through technology, design and planning
- Identifying a range of technologies, meeting tests and evaluations that indicate resistance to criminal attack
- Awarding and licensing companies to use the police Secured by Design logo

Secured by Design in the Police Service

Secured by Design (SBD) and related projects, including the Safer Parking Award, are owned by the Association of Chief Police Officers for England, Wales and Northern Ireland (ACPO) and ACPO Scotland.

ACPO Crime Prevention Initiatives (CPI) is responsible for managing SBD and related schemes and is wholly owned by ACPO.

Representatives from ACPO CPI meet with key organisations involved with security and designing-against-crime and are responsible for SBD standards, licensing of the SBD logo and management of the SBD website.

Local police Architectural Liaison Officers (ALO's) provide design advice and issue SBD awards to the construction industry. ALO's may be identified from the police map on the SBD website or through your local area's police headquarters.

Secured by Design in the built environment

The Architectural Liaison Officer can advise on a range of construction projects including:

- Housing
- Educational premises
- Commercial premises
- Parking facilities
- Transport facilities

No one can claim to totally eliminate crime but research and practical examples show that crime risks and the fear of crime are significantly reduced by addressing security at the design stage. Refurbished estates in particular have achieved major reductions in crime through Secured by Design.

High standards of physical security are essential but so too are environmental factors, access and design which deter offenders and give occupiers a feeling of community ownership.

Working with architects, developers and builders the officer will advise on:

External environment:

- Natural surveillance
- Boundaries
- Landscaping
- Lighting and CCTV
- Access
- Parking facilities

Building shell:

- Building lines
- Recesses and climbing access
- Doors, locks and windows
- Public utilities

Internal areas:

- Target risks
- Access control
- Staff safety
- Intruder alarms

Technical standards:

- Relevant to site and end use

Advice is free but should be sought before planning and design considerations are finalised. This advice can lead to a Secured by Design Award being issued to the site.

For details on Secured by Design, Safer Parking Awards and Rail Stations and related projects as well as information on standards to be achieved, see

www.securedbydesign.com or contact police headquarters for your local Architectural Liaison Officer (Crime Prevention Design Adviser in London).

The project has the support of the Home Office, the DCLG, the Scottish Executive, the Assembly for Wales, the Housing Corporation and many local authorities.

Secured by Design in the security industry

Secured by Design identifies technical standards and evaluations which test the competence of security products and their resistance to criminal attack.

Whilst not guaranteeing security to be crime proof, they are nevertheless excellent benchmarks for products which, correctly installed and used, significantly reduce crime risk or lead to the recovery of stolen property.

Standards currently adopted cover:

- Doors and frame sets
- Windows
- Locks and hardware
- Perimeter security
- Grilles, shutters and fences
- Vehicle tracking and security products
- Electronic security
- Computer security
- Property identification
- Forensic security

Tests and evaluations are conducted by UKAS approved test houses or, in special cases, competent authorities agreed by ACPO.

Companies whose products meet the relevant standards may become members of Secured by Design and use the logo with the title, 'Police Preferred Specification'. This may also be displayed on the product.

The standards referred to above are the minimum acceptable to the police for the realistic provision of security. Home owners and businesses upgrading security or refurbishing premises should specify and fit products which meet these standards.

Purchase of a particular security product is a consumer choice which should be based on individual risk assessment and location. No contract with, or guarantee by ACPO is created or implied.

www.securedbydesign.com

Our website contains:

- Details of SBD projects and standards
- Licensed companies and products
- Copies of our newsletter, *SBD Focus*
- Frequently asked questions and answers
- Police contact map and lists
- Links to related organisations
- Details of ACPO Crime Prevention Initiatives



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