

Logan City Council Community Safety Program

Community Facilities Safety Audit

The best way to protect our City's community facilities is to identify, assess and put strategies in place to help reduce the risk of our organisations or clubs being impacted by crime.

The Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles of Surveillance, Legibility, Territoriality, Ownership, Management and Vulnerability provide a common-sense approach which help to create safer places and reduces the opportunities for crime to occur. By using these six principles, the Logan Community Safety Program encourages you to conduct an audit of your facilities and sporting fields to identify whether there are any safety concerns or maintenance issues that need to be attended to.

Surveillance - the ability to 'see' and 'be seen' at all times within an environment. The more people that are using an area providing "surveillance", the less opportunity there is for someone to commit a crime without being seen. Visible security measures along with natural surveillance by staff or volunteers and the public increases the risk to offenders and may deter them from targeting your club

Can you see clearly into or from within your clubhouse or building, the street or adjacent properties?

Yes No

Are any communal areas around your clubhouse or building easily seen (for example, toilets and carparks)?

Yes No

Is there any overgrown vegetation obstructing visibility along the pathways or other areas around your clubhouse or building?

Yes No

IF NO to the above: Is this due to overgrown shrubs, trees or other landscaping or neighbouring properties having high and/or privacy fences? If so, arrange for any overgrown vegetation to be trimmed and if possible, consider replacing part or all of the fencing with a type which will allow natural surveillance.

Can the area be seen clearly after dark? Are there any areas adjacent to your clubhouse / buildings that are poorly lit that may increase the vulnerability of those attending the facility at night?

Yes No

If NO, consider installing increased lighting as well as CCTV cameras and have these connected to a Hard Drive device to ensure incidents are recorded.

Legibility - is being able to easily find your way around a location. If a place is easier to follow, a user is less likely to get lost and feel vulnerable or unsafe.

Are the pathways to the clubhouse or building and through the grounds easy to follow?

Yes No

Are there signs at the entry points advising the name of the club or organisation and directing users to the facilities and nearby locations?

Yes No

Territoriality – the definition between private and public space.

Are buildings and spaces clearly defined through signage, landscaping, or fencing?

Yes No

Is the fencing surrounding the playing fields in good condition?

Yes No

Ownership - People are more likely to respect a space if they sense a connection and feel empowered to respond to situations in a way that will enhance the safety and security of the community.

Does the area in and around your clubhouse/building give you a sense of community pride and is designed for community interaction?

Yes No

Management - public places that are poorly maintained and appear to be unused or neglected have an increased vulnerability to crime and inappropriate behaviour occurring.

Even when places are looked after, continuous care needs to be taken to routinely maintain some of the important qualities, for example ensuring signage is not obstructed by the growth of vegetation.

Maintaining the physical appearance of a space encourages people to respect their surroundings.

Are the buildings, sporting, play-ground and other areas of your facility of good quality and well placed?

Yes No

Is the area free of excessive rubbish, graffiti, and no visible damage to infrastructure?

Yes No

There are many measures you can take to physically safeguard your premises including:

- Fitting good quality deadlocks or other security locks to your windows and doors
- Installing sensor lights on the exterior of the building
- If your facility is vandalised or tagged with graffiti, remove tags and repair damage as soon as possible.
- Ensure outside equipment and furniture are secured and brought inside after hours to prevent their theft or damage.
- If you have a canteen area, are the roller shutters strong enough to resist the potential for them to be damaged or opened if forced.
- Is alcohol out of site after hours and/or a lock installed on fridges when not in use?
- Cash handling – count cash out of site and in a secure area and/or encourage the use of EFTPOS to limit the amount of cash held on the premises.
- Make use of signage and stickers, both inside and outside your clubhouse or buildings to promote proactive security measures such as:
 - Minimal cash kept on premises
 - Premises under surveillance

Vulnerability - some situations, locations such as isolated or hidden places, as well as the time of day can make people feel more vulnerable to harm.

Are there any potential hiding places throughout the area, for example, overgrown or dense vegetation can provide hidey holes without being seen?

Is the area designed to reduce areas of vulnerability, for example bike/walkways, tunnels and heavily vegetated bushland surrounding pathways?

Yes No

If YES consider what steps can be taken to reduce this, for example clearing vegetation, the use of lighting or mirrors to increase sightlines.

Reporting maintenance issues or damage to Council Facilities

Please report any overgrown vegetation, graffiti, rubbish or damage to Council property to Logan City Council on 3412 3412 or email council@logan.qld.gov.au or online at logan.qld.gov.au/connect-with-us –report an issue

Reporting suspicious or criminal activity

Any suspicious activity or anti-social behaviour occurring in or around community facilities should be reported as follows:

In an Emergency

- For life threatening matters, crime in progress, or when the event is time critical, you should call Triple Zero (000).
- In a Non-Emergency

For all matters of a non-urgent nature, contact:

- Policelink 131 444
- Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
- Hoon Hotline 13HOON (13 4666)

For more information visit: logan.qld.gov.au/safety