



# Changing the Physical Environment

## SUMMARY

Making small changes to physical environment such as supervision, access and use of space can prevent the occurrence of harm happening and create safe spaces

## DESCRIPTION

Changing the physical environment can reduce opportunities for harm to happen, change the use of space to make places safer and ensure communities feel safer. Changes to the physical landscape should always be done following an assessment of the location and in consultation with those that use the area to ensure that it meets their needs. Changes to the physical landscape can include a range of approaches such as:

- Increasing lighting
- CCTV
- Repairs to increase the attractiveness of the area
- Securing doors and entrances
- Signage and posters
- Bollards
- Cutting back bushes

## WHO IS THIS FOR?

Place managers- those responsible for the area

## FIND OUT MORE

- [Guidance](#) on carrying out a neighbourhood assessment can be found on the Contextual Safeguarding network
- Research on 'Situational Crime Prevention'