Three Decades of Community Partnerships in Crime PreventionThe 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.

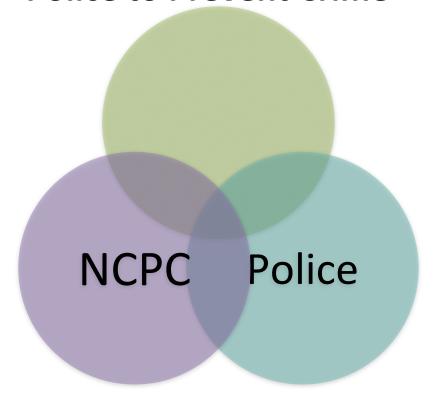


Our Vision

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

Encourage self-help in crime prevention

Coordinate efforts of organisations in

Develop and recommend crime prevention

About Singapore

Total Population: 5.38 million

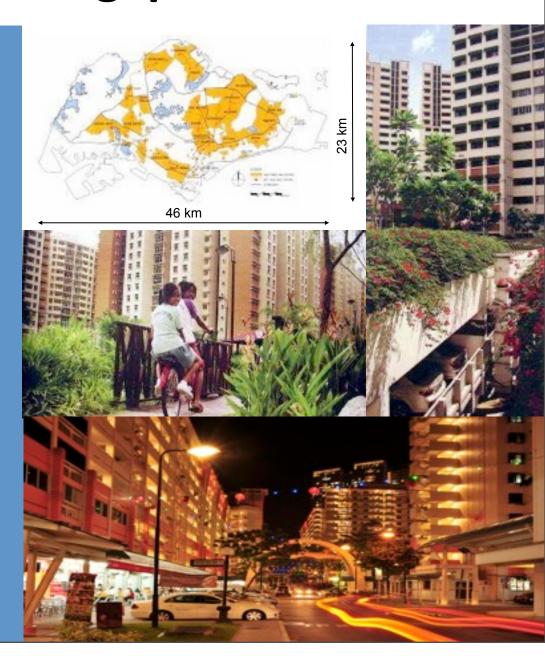
Resident Population: 3.8 million

Size:

Land Area: 714 sq km

Population Density: 7,257 persons/sq km

Percent living in Public Housing: About 82%



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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





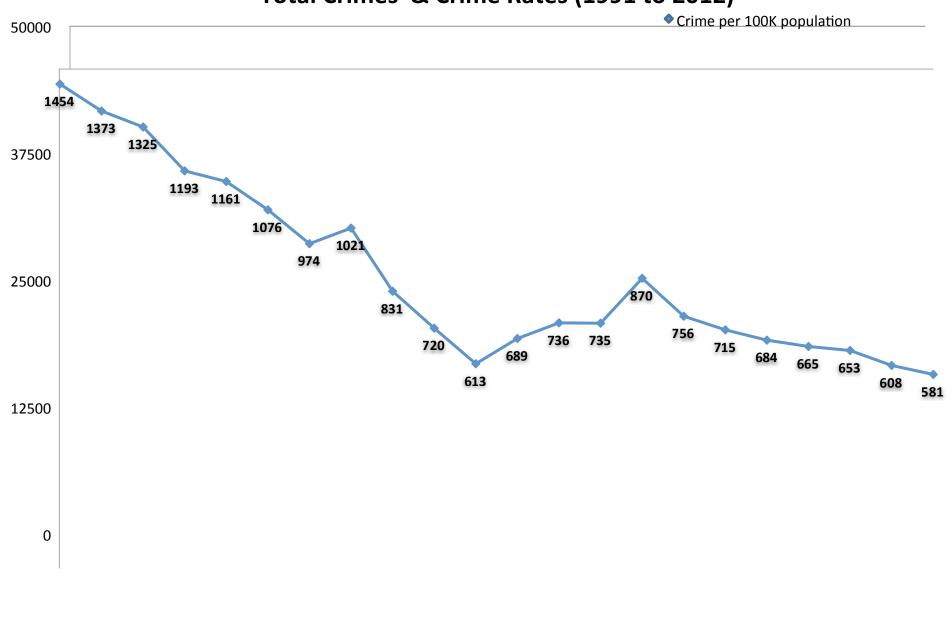
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Crime Situation

- 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 & 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

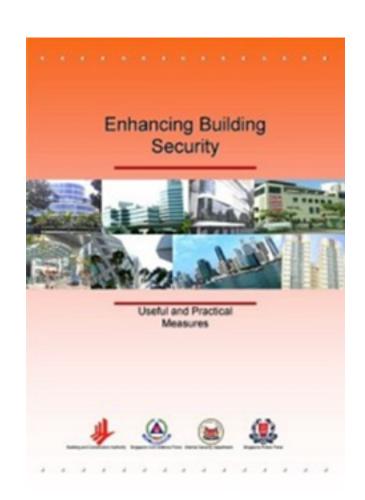






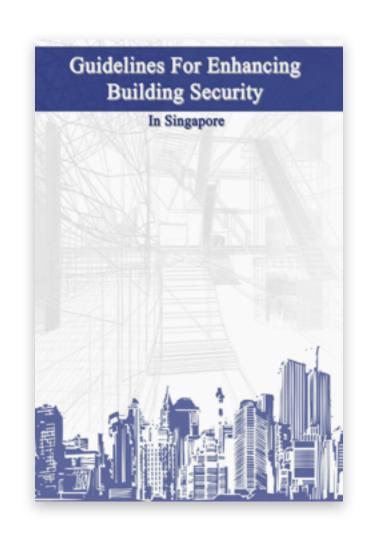
Strengthening the Hardware

- 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.



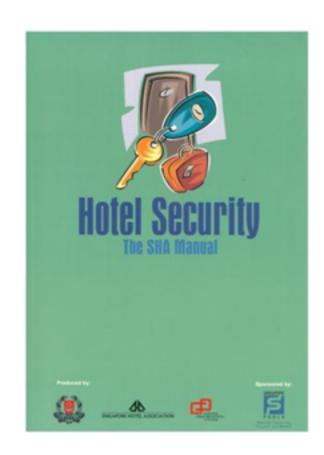
Strengthening the Hardware

- 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.



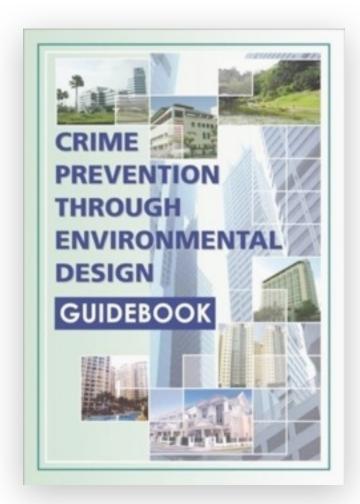
Strengthening the Hardware

- 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.







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.





CRAME PREVIATION INSCORE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN CUSTOCIA

Land Use Mix

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





CPTED GUIDEBOOK



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.





CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

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.





Checklist for users

Ten categories:

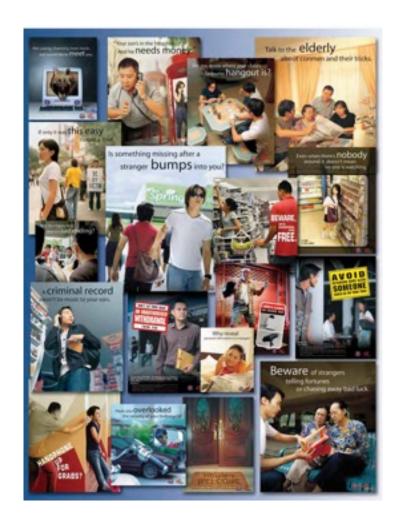
- 1. Sight lines
- 2. Lighting
- 3. Concealed or isolated routes
- 4. Entrapment areas
- 5. Isolation
- 6. Land use mix
- 7. Activity generators
- 8. Ownership, maintenance and management
- 9. Signs and information
- 10. Overall design

Expanding the Software



Community Outreach





Vigilance against crime

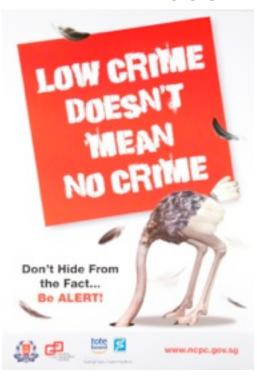




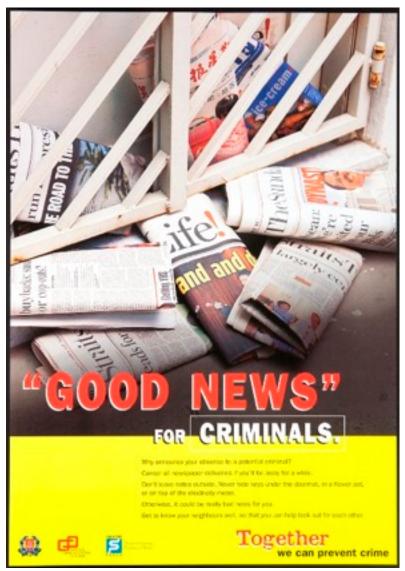
Low Crime Doesn't Mean No Crime

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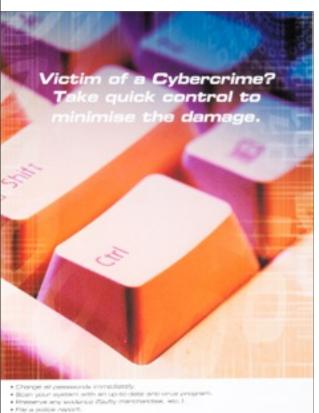


Housebreaking





Cybercrime 2001



















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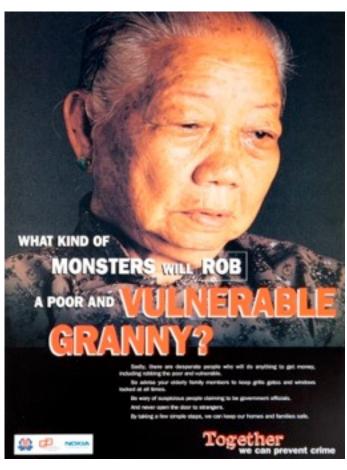


Together





Crime Prevention for the Elderly



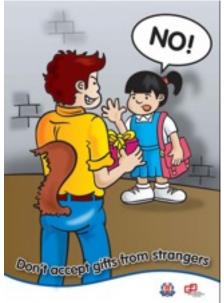


Crime Prevention for Kids 2009



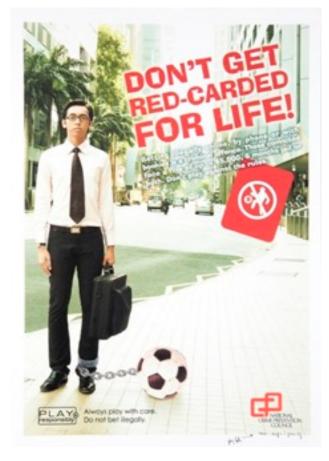






Anti-Illegal Betting





Unlicensed Money Lending 2010 2012





Television Commercial

Television Commercial



Television Commercial

2011-2012









Scam Alert

2012









Various Channels

Buses



Trains



Taxis



Various Channels

Billboards on buildings



Decals on lift doors



Signboards at bus stops



Deepening the Heartware



Community Engagement





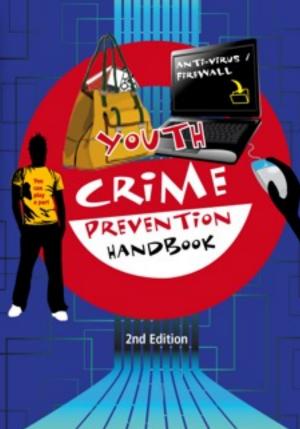




Children & Youth

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





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Youth - Delta League









Delta League

 A youth engagement project by Singapore Police Force and NCPC



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







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

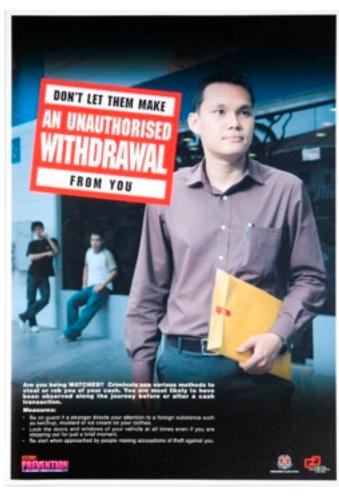


Commercial Premises

Works with corporate partners on crime prevention





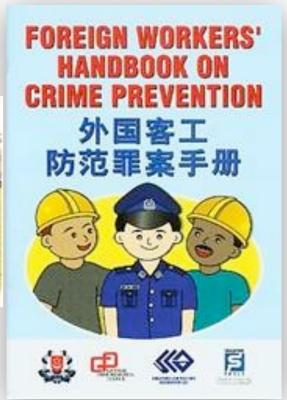


Construction Worksites

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



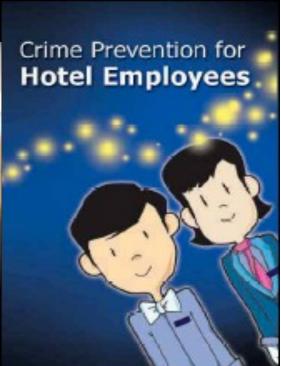




Hotels

- 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

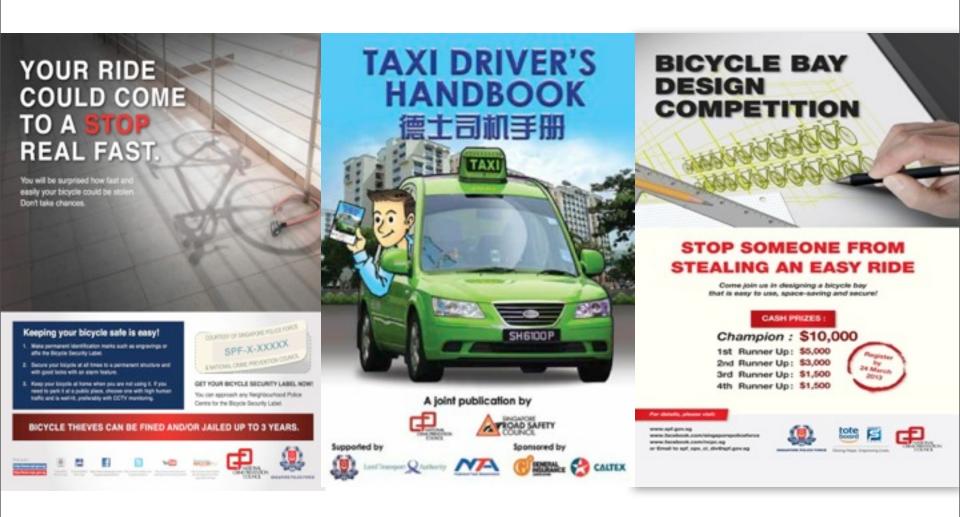






Transport

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



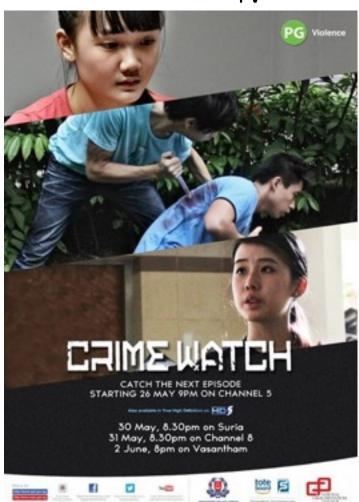






Mass Media

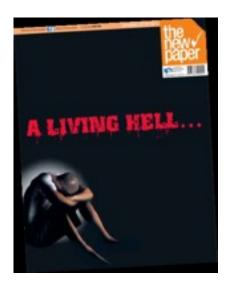
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Radio



Newspapers





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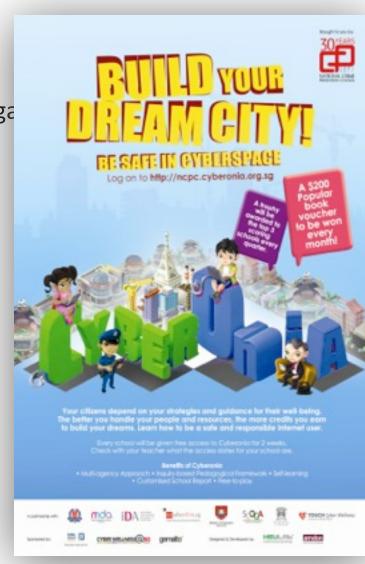


Crime Watch trailer

Information Technology

- Work with related agencies on <u>Cyberonia</u>
 - 1. Singapore Police Force
 - Infocomm Development Authority of Singa
 - 3. Media Development Authority
 - 4. Ministry of Education
 - 5. Inter Ministry Cyber Safety Committee





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