

C. Safety & Crime Prevention – CPTED

1. Location

- a. Enclosures should be placed in areas that allow clear visibility around the enclosure. The enclosure should not be placed adjacent to buildings or fencing to prevent potential hiding places and climbing areas that could allow a pedestrian to gain access into nearby secured property.

2. Ventilation

- a. Enclosures must be designed to allow for the ventilation of air. Vent openings no larger than 6 inches in height is recommended. They can be located along the bottom, top or within the enclosure wall or gate design.

3. Roof & Security Screen

- a. A roof is recommended on all enclosures to prevent pedestrians from climbing inside the enclosure or the tossing of material over the enclosure walls.
- b. If an enclosure has a roof, as an additional precaution any openings or gaps larger than 6 inches between the top of the wall or gate and the lowest point of the roof eaves should be screened. The security screen should be spaced apart to allow ventilation and visibility into the enclosure. The security screen should be a permanent part of the structure and can be either decorative metal rails, bars or screening material.

4. Lighting

- a. Enclosures should be located in a well lit area. The access doors and interior of the enclosure should have permanently installed motion sensor white lighting of sufficient brightness to light the interior of the enclosure. It is recommended that lighting be of 3-5 candlefoot luminance.

5. Enclosure Access

- a. Enclosure access should only be provided to those employees that are authorized to deposit material in the enclosure. Ensure that all users are properly trained on how to lock and secure all enclosure entrance points. If a compactor is used within the enclosure, the compactor door should be securely closed each time material is deposited to initiate the compaction of the material.

6. Graffiti

- a. All graffiti should be immediately removed to avoid attracting additional vandalism. It is recommended that anti-graffiti paint or sealant be used to seal the enclosure surface to promote easy removal of graffiti.

7. Scavenging

- a. To prevent scavenging for redemption value aluminum cans and glass/plastic bottles, consider locking all recycling containers within the enclosure or storing all bottles and cans in a separate location.

8. Confidential Material

- a. Prevent identity theft by shredding all personal documents before placing them in any publically accessible enclosure containers. Paper shredded at home, should be placed in a paper bag or box, but can also be placed in a clear plastic bag, and placed in recycling bin. Companies that offer shredding services are available for a fee. Monthly community paper shredding events may be available for free. Visit www.fairfield.ca.gov/recycling for more information.

9. Housekeeping

- a. Keep the area around and inside the enclosure clean and free of debris. Do not pile trash or junk around or inside the enclosure. Areas that are kept clean and tidy are less likely to present trip hazards, attract graffiti or pests such as ants, roaches and rodents.