

# Review of: "Evaluating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Principles in Educational Institutions: Occupant Insights"

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The manuscript appears to be very broad and focuses on the perception of the survey's participants. The fundamental issues include how effective CPTED has been on campus, and whether it provides safe learning environment for all. Typically, the campus safety needs to have clear policy, participation from all stakeholders, law enforcement, budget, etc. I am not sure whether the study had sufficient involvement from all relevant stakeholders to determine the CPTED's effectiveness. Secondly, the term safety needs to or should include both on-campus and on-line aspects of learning. I am not sure whether safe internet was included in the study.

I would like to suggest more clarity on the research's problem statement- why existing approach or concept has not been able to prevent/ control crime. And, in the discussion, how the findings from the survey can help improve the prevention/control from the 3rd generation of CPTED (which appears to be comprehensive and useful). Finally, how would the findings contribute to the extension of the 3rd generation of CPTED to ensure its effective use and integration into campus.