

Secured by Design Week

Everyone wants to feel safe in their home and secure in the knowledge that when they go out their home will be not be burgled, however, many homes are not sufficiently secured to withstand criminal attack. **Secured by Design** is the national police crime prevention initiative that has reduced burglary by an average of 50% and up to 75% in some areas.

This well established initiative works on the basis of 'designing-out-crime'. It identifies potential crime problem areas in the built environment and applies a combination of environmental design principles with realistic levels of physical security to deter criminal activity and reduce crime risks. This model features in the government publication *Safer Places – The planning system & crime prevention*, now adopted by many local authorities.

Secured by Design Week on 20th-24th June 2005 aims to raise awareness of the initiative and what you can do to help avoid becoming a victim of burglary related crime.

A dedicated new area for the homeowner will go live on the website www.securedbydesign.com in **Secured by Design Week** containing detailed information specifically for the general public advising on straightforward crime prevention measures to ensure your property is secure.

What we are doing in Torbay:

In the past eighteen months thirteen locations scattered throughout Torbay have achieved Secure By Design. There are five further developments currently being developed to the same standard. This is a reflection of the effective partnership between Devon & Cornwall Police/Torbay Council and the private sector endeavouring to ensure community safety is considered in any development.

Safer Communities Torbay would like to invite you to our:

SECURE BY DESIGN - CERTIFICATION PRESENTATION

MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2005, 2.00PM TO 3.00PM

TORBAY FOYER, TEIGNMOUTH ROAD, TORQUAY

Safer Communities Torbay are delighted to invite you to a presentation of Secure By Design Awards on Monday 20th June at 2.00pm at Torbay Foyer, Teignmouth Road, Torquay. This is being held to raise awareness of the National Secure By Design Week and to promote local interest in the scheme. Please can you confirm your attendance with Rachael Powell at Safer Communities Torbay on 01803 841440 at your earliest opportunity as this is not an open meeting and numbers are limited.

For an easy to reference information leaflet contact the Association of Chief Police Officers Crime Prevention Initiatives (ACPO CPI) on Tel: 020 7227 3427 Fax: 020 7227 3400 Web: www.securedbydesign.com

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NOTES FOR EDITORS:

Please contact Rachael Powell, Information & Communication Officer – Safer Communities Torbay on 01803 841440 for further information or to arrange for appropriate interviews.

ACPO CPI Press Office can be contacted via 020 832 555 23

Secured by Design is the UK Police flagship initiative supporting the principles of 'designing out crime' by use of effective crime prevention and security standards for a range of applications. The initiative supports one of the Government's key planning objectives - the creation of secure, quality places where people wish to live and work.

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