



# POLICE CRIME PREVENTION INITIATIVES



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Police CPI is a police-owned organisation that works to deliver a wide range of innovative and ground-breaking crime prevention and demand reduction initiatives to support the wider UK Police Service, Government and the general public.

Part of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Prevention Coordination Committee, Police CPI's professionalism and veracity sees it work with the Home Office, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, local authorities, British and European standards authorities, trade associations, test houses, certification bodies, the construction industry, manufacturers and companies involved in security products – both within the UK and those in countries that supply the UK – as well as many other organisations. Police CPI maintains close working links with the NPCC National Leads and Committees.

Police CPI's highly successful Secured by Design (SBD) initiative, which both improves the security of buildings and their immediate surroundings to provide safe places to live, work, shop and visit, and which also operates an accreditation scheme on behalf of the UK Police Service for products or services that have met recognised security standards is its most well-known initiative. However, Police CPI has spearheaded many other innovative and ground-breaking crime prevention projects, which you can find out more about in this brochure.

Police CPI is a not-for-profit organisation, self-funded through its prevention activities. This financial freedom enables Police CPI to deliver difficult crime and demand reduction pieces of work within very short time periods.

As a national crime prevention scheme Police CPI has achieved significant successes, with all initiatives in the extensive Police CPI portfolio designed to keep the public safe from crime and reduce the demand on the police service.



# An overview of Police CPI initiatives



## Secured by Design (SBD)

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Secured by Design (SBD) is the official police security initiative.

The housing boom of the 1960s, '70s and '80s, led to homes being built quickly and cheaply, often with little consideration given to security. Crime increased significantly, particularly burglary. In response, the Police Service set up SBD in 1989 and since it was launched SBD has built up a wealth of experience promoting crime prevention and security through active involvement in local communities – constantly adapting the advice to keep pace with changing patterns of criminal behaviour.

SBD has worked with the Government to embed crime prevention into the planning process and establish police security standards in the building and construction industry. Across the UK SBD is delivered by local specialist officers called Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs). These officers work closely with architects, developers and local authority planners at the design stage to design out crime by improving the physical security of buildings and incorporating crime prevention techniques in the layout and landscaping of the immediate surroundings.

Developers can achieve SBD awards for incorporating crime prevention measures and techniques into their developments in all kinds of building sectors, such as residential, education, health, transport, commercial, retail, sport and leisure.

More than one million homes have been built to SBD crime prevention standards across the UK – that's 30% of all new homes built – with reductions in crimes such as burglary of up to 87% as reported by Police Scotland. These are sustainable reductions each and every year, which is significant as most SBD homes are in social housing, many in deprived and higher crime areas.

On behalf of the UK Police Service, SBD also operates an accreditation scheme for products or services that have met recognised security standards. These products or services – which must be capable of deterring or preventing crime - are known as being of a 'Police Preferred Specification'.

The Police Preferred Specification scheme has been operating nearly 25 years. It requires all security products to meet or exceed the performance expectations documented within the relevant security standard for that type of product. It ensures that the product is sufficiently robust to resist physical attack by casual and opportunistic criminals. The SBD focus is on the critical factors that combine to deliver a product's performance - design, use, quality control and the ability to deter or prevent crime.

Products that have met the Police Preferred Specification provides reassurance to the specifier, purchaser or user that their products have been independently tested to a relevant security standard and fully certified by an independent third-party certification body recognised by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS), or tested and certified by an alternative approved body such as Sold Secure or Thatcham. Indeed SBD instigated the formation of the UK Test House Studies Group and Certification Bodies Group for doorsets, windows and lock products and have chaired these groups for over 20 years with the sole aim being to ensure there is parity between test and certification bodies. Better quality means these products last longer too, making them more cost effective and leading to greater sustainability in crime prevention.

The SBD website [www.securedbydesign.com](https://www.securedbydesign.com) contains details of the many hundreds of companies who produce many thousand individual attack resistant crime prevention products in more than 30 different categories that have met the exacting Police Preferred Specification. This includes doors, windows, external storage, bicycle and motorcycle security, locks and hardware, asset marking, alarms, CCTV, safes, perimeter security products and many others. All of the companies have their full website and contact information listed, as well as a detailed list of all of the SBD accredited products which they provide.

SBD is the only way for companies to obtain police recognition for security-related products in the UK.



## SBD Secure Connected Device accreditation

[securedbydesign.com/iot](https://securedbydesign.com/iot)

SBD has introduced the Secure Connected Device (SCD) accreditation scheme in-line with government legislation for companies providing Internet of Things (IoT) connected products.

The UK's Product Security and Telecommunications Infrastructure Act 2022 requires manufacturers, importers and distributors to ensure that minimum security requirements are met in relation to consumer connectable products that are available to consumers. The government has announced that companies must implement the changes put forth in the legislation, with compliance required by 29th April 2024.

The Secure Connected Device accreditation scheme, developed in consultation with the Department for Science, Innovation & Technology (DSIT), helps companies get their products appropriately assessed against all 13 provisions of the ETSI EN 303 645 standard, a requirement that goes beyond the Government's legislation so that they can not only demonstrate their compliance with the legislation but protect themselves, their products and their customers.

The Secure Connected Device IoT Assessment identifies the level of risk associated with an IoT device and its ecosystem, providing recommendations on the appropriate certification routes with one of the SBD approved certification bodies.

The SBD Secure Connected Device accreditation is the only way for companies to obtain police recognition for the security of their IoT products in the UK.

## Police Crime Prevention Academy (The Academy)

[crimepreventionacademy.com](https://crimepreventionacademy.com)



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After assuming responsibility from the College of Policing for the running of crime prevention and designing out crime courses in the UK, the Police Crime Prevention Academy has been delivering a new nationally recognised generation of qualifications in crime prevention and designing out crime through the awarding body ProQual.

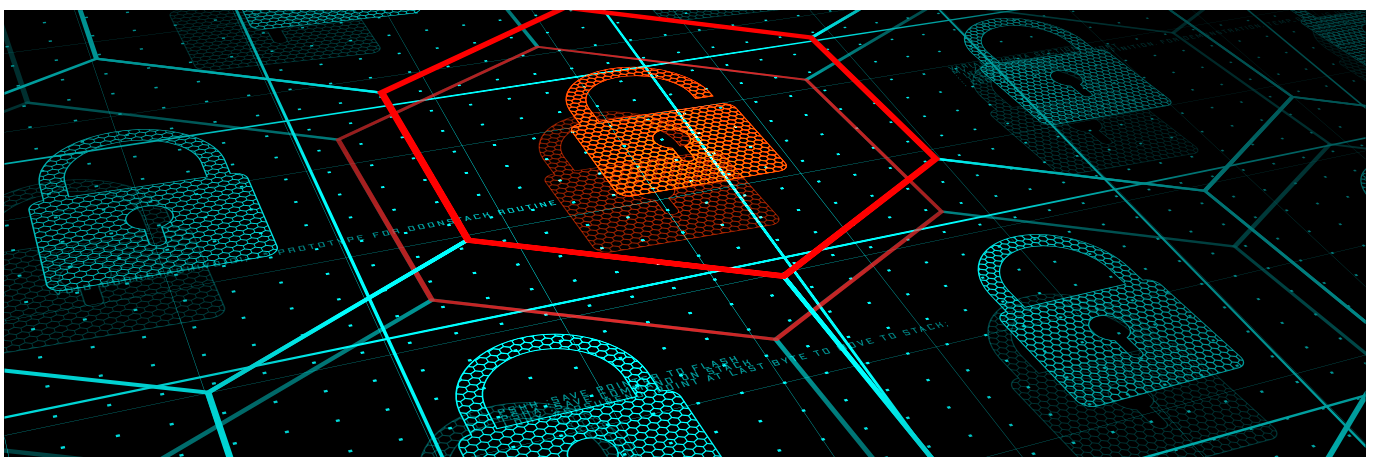
Since September 2018, the Academy has delivered training to police officers and staff from across the UK & Ireland as well as to employees from many public and private sector organisations and officers from police services from around the world.

The Academy maintains close working links with the NPCC and senior police officers from across the UK and is the established supplier to the police service for crime prevention learning & development. The occupational experience of the Academy staff combined with the Academy's links to both the Police Service and subject matter experts ensures that the qualifications are kept up to date to keep pace with changing patterns of criminal behaviour.

The Academy are responsible for the mandatory yearly Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and three-yearly assessment that Police Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs), Crime Prevention Officers (CPOs) and Police Alcohol Licensing Officers (PALOs) are required to complete due to their roles being designated as specialist roles by the NPCC.

In addition to being the established supplier to the police service for crime prevention learning & development, the Academy also deliver a number of qualifications to the private sector, customer facing staff at visitor attractions and key professions involved in urban design such as architects and planners.

The Academy offer online learning and bespoke events as an alternative to face to face delivery.



## Licensing SAVI

[licensingsoavi.com](https://licensingsoavi.com)



The Licensing Security & Vulnerability Initiative (Licensing SAVI) was launched in 2021 to keep licensed premises safe for both staff and customers. Already having users in over a hundred towns and cities across England and Wales, it can help businesses build customer loyalty, attract new customers and grow support from the local community.

Licensing SAVI supports the Government's determination to protect women and girls from violence. Developed at the request of the Home Office, completion of the self-assessment can lead to Accreditation and an Award with a Star-Rating for display to show the efforts undertaken to enhance safety and security.

Available as a confidential, online self-assessment, Licensing SAVI covers effective management practices and operational security, including critical issues like responsible drinking; drugs misuse; violent behaviour; safeguarding vulnerable customers; preventing opportunist theft; improving physical security, such as emergency exits, lighting and CCTV systems.

## NPCC Security Systems

[policesecuritysystems.com](https://policesecuritysystems.com)



Police CPI provide the Secretariat to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Security Systems Group to monitor police strategies and technical developments and advise on policy requirements. Police CPI also provide support to police forces and the private security industry on the administration of police response to security systems, including intruder alarms.

Police CPI work with the national alarm inspectorate bodies and trade organisations for the security industry – the National Security Inspectorate (NSI), the Security Systems and Alarms Inspection Board (SSAIB), the Fire and Security Association (FSA) and the British Security Industry Association (BSIA) – to develop a partnership approach with the private security industry, specifically to improve the performance of security systems and increase the preventative impact and detection rate emanating from such systems.

Due to Police CPI's technical intervention and the unified approach by Police Forces, since 1995 there have been 1.1 million fewer calls to police to respond to false alarms or alarms involving faulty equipment, reducing from 1,188,386 in 1995 to 85,146 in 2020 despite the number of registered alarm systems almost doubling. The number of burglaries from properties with police compliant security systems has also reduced significantly from 135,990 in 1995 to 11,109 in 2020.

Following increasing industry interest Secured by Design has created an SBD Alarm Standard for alarm installation companies. Installers meeting the SBD Alarm Standard now have the option of joining this SBD scheme, following an assessment from their respective Alarm Inspectorate body, enabling buyers to have confidence in installers utilising the trusted 'Police Preferred Specification' branding. The new Alarm Standard seeks to further improve police alarm response times and enable a more effective deployment of police responders to alarm calls, achieving further reduction in the number of false alarm calls, with a corresponding reduction in demand on Forces.

## Secured by Design Sanctuary Scheme

[securedbydesign.com/initiatives/sanctuary-scheme](https://securedbydesign.com/initiatives/sanctuary-scheme)

The Secured by Design (SBD) Sanctuary Scheme is designed to protect victims of domestic abuse in their own homes.

The Sanctuary Scheme started in 1998 with the primary aim of giving victims/survivors of domestic abuse, who no longer live with their abuser, the choice to remain safely in their homes. It has a range of security features that have been tested and certified to police preferred standards aimed at delaying unlawful entry and allowing time for the emergency services to arrive.

The Sanctuary Scheme was developed by a former Metropolitan Police Officer who is now a Technical Advisor with Police CPI. Since its creation in 1998, the scheme has successfully helped thousands of victims of domestic abuse remain safely in their homes and maintain their social roots.



## Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS)

[policecsas.com](http://policecsas.com)



The Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) and Railway Safety Accreditation Scheme (RSAS) is a voluntary scheme contained in Section 40 of the Police Reform Act 2002, which came into operation in 2004. It creates a framework for public and private bodies to work in partnership with the police, providing an additional uniformed presence in communities and on the rail network to assist in reducing criminality and anti-social behaviour and contributing to community safety.

The role of assessing private sector companies seeking approval to run a CSAS scheme is carried out on behalf of the National Police Chiefs' Council by Police CPI.

Police CPI carries out checks to establish whether security companies are 'fit and proper' to exercise CSAS or RSAS powers and then completes an assessment with recommendations to Chief Constables in the area that the scheme will operate.

## Park Mark (Safer Parking)

[parkmark.co.uk](http://parkmark.co.uk)



Park Mark is the UK-wide initiative aimed at reducing crime and the fear of crime in parking facilities.

Park Mark is awarded to parking facilities that have been subjected to a rigorous risk assessment conducted by a police DOCO and the British Parking Association (BPA). The assessment includes management and maintenance of the car parking facility and ensuring there are appropriate levels of surveillance, lighting, signage and cleanliness.

Some car park operators achieved crime reductions of more than 80% in the first year after joining the scheme compared to equivalent non-Park Mark facilities.

## Secured Environments

[securedenvironments.com](http://securedenvironments.com)



Secured Environments is a police certification scheme. It is awarded to organisations that are able to show that they have adopted six key principles for protecting themselves against crime.

The Secured Environments Accreditation has been developed through the partnership of Police CPI and Perpetuity Research and Consultancy International, a specialist in community safety, crime risk management & security management.

The aim is to help organisations to think about their risks and how to make the best use of measures they already have. Many organisations have received the award to date, ranging from large world renowned organisations to hospitals, universities, schools and shopping centres throughout the UK.



# An overview of other Police CPI workstreams



## Safer Streets Fund

[securedbydesign.com/guidance/safer-streets](https://securedbydesign.com/guidance/safer-streets)

The Safer Streets Fund enables Police and Crime Commissioners, Local Authorities and civil society organisations to bid for investment in initiatives focussed on reducing and preventing neighbourhood crime, anti-social behaviour, Violence Against Women and Girls in public spaces, and to increase feelings of safety.

At the request of the Home Office, Police CPI have been on the Home Office's Expert Group, providing a range of support for the Safer Streets Fund. This includes delivering training, producing crime prevention and security guides, conducting peer reviews, holding regular live workshop sessions and much more.

## The Youth and Community Centre Safety Scheme

[securedbydesign.com/initiatives/youth-and-community-centre-safety-scheme](https://securedbydesign.com/initiatives/youth-and-community-centre-safety-scheme)

The Youth and Community Centre Safety Scheme (YACCSS) is a blue light collaboration between the Metropolitan Police Service, London Fire Brigade, London Ambulance Service and Secured by Design to create safer places for both staff and the community to enjoy educational, diversionary and community-based activities at Youth and Community Centres.

Many of these community provisions are run by charity and volunteer organisations. The buildings which host them often lack investment and the organisations find it difficult to provide a safe and secure space for users to enjoy their activities.

The scheme allows Youth and Community Centres which suffer violent crime to apply for funding to improve the physical security of their premises with Secured by Design accredited security products. In addition, the youth clubs receive defibrillators along with the necessary training to use them in the event of a violent attack and the London Fire Brigade also carry out inspections of the premises to identify and mitigate any fire hazards and provide advice around fire evacuation plans.

## Places of Worship

[securedbydesign.com/guidance/places-of-worship](https://securedbydesign.com/guidance/places-of-worship)

At the request of the Home Office, as part of their extremist agenda, Police CPI has produced guidance for places of worship applying for the dedicated Places of Worship funding scheme.

The scheme, commissioned by the Home Office to reduce incidents of hate crime and to improve community relationships, is delivered on the ground by DOCOs and Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSAs). A member of the Police CPI Executive Team sits on the Home Office independent panel to help with bid applications.

## Protecting potential target buildings at risk

Police CPI works closely with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) and the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA), previously known as CPNI, and other government agencies to reduce the opportunities for terrorism attacks where there is a threat to the public and national infrastructure.

Police CPI have secured a formal pathway within planning policy and guidance for DOCOs to act as a catalyst between planning authorities and counter terrorism staff in Police Forces.

Police CPI also holds the national Memorandum of Understanding between the NPCC leads for Crime Prevention and the National Coordinator Protect & Prepare, which was produced to ensure there was no conflict between crime prevention and counter terrorism priorities.

## Operation Bridger

Police CPI, in association with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO), has produced a security standard for MPs homes and constituency offices. The standard, designated Operation Bridger, has been well received by Members and the Parliamentary Security Department (PSD).

The Operation Bridger guidance sees physical security standards and measures reviewed every 12 months, or when there are any significant changes in generic threat, in order to ensure standards remain current, appropriate and proportionate.

The review process is carried out by NaCTSO, supported by Police CPI, the Home Office, the Members' Security Support Service (MSSS), the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA), the Parliamentary Liaison and Investigation Team (PLaIT) and Parliamentary and Diplomatic Protection (PaDP).

Police CPI continues to provide advice and assistance to PSD on a regular basis on all physical security measures, which is guided by the threat risk produced by NaCTSO.

## Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs)

At the request of the NPCC Business Crime Lead, Police CPI administers the accreditation process for Business Crime Reduction Partnerships (BCRPs) across the UK.

The aim of the accreditation process is to ensure that BCRPs are operating within the law; specifically the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and functioning in an ethical manner. This allows Police Forces throughout the UK to release data to BCRP partner organisations with greater assurance that it will be utilised in a responsible manner to reduce criminal activity.



## Police CPI Board of Governance

Police CPI has a governance board whose members include senior police officers from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland who control and direct the work Police CPI carries out on behalf of the Police Service.





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