

## **Prevention of crime in local community**

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Prevention of crime and disorder is an informal control which is exercised by both individuals and groups as well as by the state agencies, even before any damage has been caused. In this Way, crime in local community and neighbourhood plays an important integrative role. Since the police are not any longer the only factor of control and protection, they have to consent to diverse forms of self-protection, either commercial or on a voluntary basis (vigilantism). In order to prevent crime, it is therefore most appropriate for the police to get linked on the situational basis with other "partners". Situational dimensions are namely of crucial importance for the rise of new phenomena as well as for their control by detection and prevention. As prevention of crime is mainly focused on potential victims, diverse theories and perspectives regarding the repression of crimes have emerged as well as new dilemmas and expectations. Crime prevention has always had a limited scope, although situational crime prevention appears to be so far the most promising. Consequently, policing local community requires a lot of organisational and other kind of adjustment, which is basically beneficial to people and does not serve only the goal of improving the efficiency of the police.

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