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| Dear visitor,  Crime is concentrated mainly in cities. In the Netherlands, for example, the chance of becoming a victim of a crime such as burglary or robbery in urbanised areas is 2-5 times higher than in rural areas (see ‘statistics’ for more information). Crime prevention is most urgent in urbanised areas. For this reason, the content of this website is focused on crime prevention in cities with a population of 75.000 and more.  On this website, I would like to present you a set of universally applicable crime prevention strategies, using the experience from best practices in the Netherlands as well as from other countries.  The central theme in all approaches to crime prevention is, in my vison, *confidence*. People in neighbourhoods should be able to trust each other as well as their city government and their local police force. Government and police should be rooted steadily into the neighbourhoods.  In the city centre and in industrial zones, local entrepreneurs should take confidence in their government and prevent crime together. Tailor made public private partnerships should emerge, in which all stakeholders invest in crime prevention, according to their possibilities. | A useful supportive approach to crime prevention should be mentioned here as well: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED means: investing in the quality of the urban environment, improving the possibilities for natural surveillance at the same time. Crime free spaces contribute to crime free cities. Different stakeholders, such as housing associations, project developers and transport companies can work together with the city government in the CPTED approach.  Seeing their environment improve, the confidence of people in their city government increases. CPTED encourages people to keep their own neighbourhood safe.  Does the ‘confidence building’ or the CPTED approach look attractive to you? Do you think they are applicable in your city?  If you need any information, please contact me.  Yours sincerely, Harm Jan Korthals Altes |  |