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After arguing the case for prevention, *Crime Prevention: Principles, perspectives and practices* provides an overview of key approaches and analytical frameworks, and explains theories and techniques of both social and environmental prevention. Other issues discussed include program evaluation; crime prevention in Australia, the United Kingdom, other western European countries and the United States; crime prevention in public places; and crime prevention and public disorder.

This book is essential reading for professionals and students in the areas of crime prevention, criminology and sociology.

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