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Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices is a concise, comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of crime prevention. The authors contend that crime prevention strategies should include both social prevention (programs addressing social causes of delinquency) and environmental prevention (reducing crime by minimising opportunities). It embraces these strategies as a policy alternative to policing, criminal justice, and 'law and order'.

This book examines a range of Australian examples within an international context. Part 1 presents an overview of the history and theory of crime prevention, featuring chapters on social prevention, environmental prevention and evaluation. Part 2 explores the practice of crime prevention and the real life challenges of implementation, including policy making, prevention in public places, dealing with social disorder and planning for the future.

Fully revised and updated, this edition features a new chapter on emergent issues in crime prevention (including cyber-crime, environmental crime and counter-terrorism) as well as expanded content on crime prevention partnerships and key knowledge bases. Case studies, discussion questions, further reading exercises and a glossary of key terms highlight the links between the development and application of crime prevention approaches.

Crime Prevention provides readers with an understanding of the political dimension of crime prevention and the ability to critically analyse prevention techniques. It is essential reading for undergraduate students of criminology, crime prevention and public policy.

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Adam Sutton passed away shortly after the publication of the first edition of this book. We would like to dedicate this edition to Adam's memory. Adam's legacy endures within the crime prevention field in many different ways and within the present pages. His ongoing contribution is also permanently acknowledged by the Adam Sutton Crime Prevention Award, which is awarded each year by the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. The Award is presented to the person whose report or paper (a) demonstrates pragmatic and workable solutions to Australasian crime problems; (b) reflects the values of a tolerant and inclusive society; and (c) which is founded in theory and research on crime prevention. Our thanks go once again to a wonderful friend and colleague.

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