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Crime Prevention: Principles, Perspectives and Practices introduces readers to the theory and practice of crime prevention. Now in its third edition, this book argues for a combination of social and situational/environmental crime prevention strategies as more effective alternatives to policing, criminal justice and 'law and order' approaches.

Contending that the principles of prevention can be applied to persistent crime problems such as alcohol-related violence and family and domestic violence, the book explores the prevention of other broad societal harms including terrorism, cybercrime and threats to the environment. The book features useful pedagogy such as case studies, discussion questions and extension topics, as well as new chapters on environmental crime and counter-terrorism.

Written by a team of experts in the field of criminology, *Crime Prevention* remains an authoritative introduction to crime prevention in Australia, and is an invaluable resource for criminology students.

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Adam Sutton passed away shortly after the publication of the first edition of this book. As with the last edition, we would like to dedicate this third edition to Adam's memory. Adam's legacy endures within the crime prevention field in many different ways and within the present pages.

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