

What is 'Secured by Design' (SBD)?

- SBD is a flagship industry-UK police initiative to design out crime through accreditation of security standards and how environment impacts crime as part of the planning process
- Designing out crime reduces the vulnerability of a property to crime by correcting risks such as poor lighting and vulnerable car parking that may be provided inadvertently by the built environment
- The initiative is entirely self funded via the accreditation of security related products and services which can be shown to reduce crime. This comprises of over 450 members with 1,000 security products, such as doors, locks and roofing thoroughly tested to meet our standards
- The Olympic Village and Common Wealth Games Village are both built to SBD standards, including products that meet SBD test standards, ensuring that the structures are sustainable and a safe environment for visitors now and in the future
- Our direct experience and knowledge of the factors impacting crime, policing and crime prevention make SBD a standard which is respected by the security industry, local authorities and professional bodies

West Yorkshire 2009

Independent research carried out by Huddersfield University compared 16 Secured by Design awarded new build estates against similar but non awarded estates in West Yorkshire during August 2007 and July 2008.

The results showed that crime rates were significantly reduced and people's fear of crime was lower on the SBD developments.



- The data found a rate of 5.8 burglary dwelling offences per 1,000 properties within the SBD sample; far lower than the 22.7 per 1,000 within West Yorkshire as a whole
- There were a total of 19,701 domestic burglaries in West Yorkshire, but just two within the Secured by Design sample over the period
- 93 of 105 crimes committed in a same street analysis sample of 11 developments containing both SBD and non-SBD properties targeted the latter. All five burglaries over the period occurred at non-SBD properties
- 85% of SBD residents reported feeling safe walking alone in their area, compared to 77% of non-SBD respondents

The research programme also looked at the cost implications. In the study area of West Yorkshire, the average additional cost per house of building to SBD standards was around a quarter of the average cost to a burglary victim of replacing goods and repairing the damage.

Key success

- Burglary was reduced by up to 75% in the SBD estate
- Criminal damage was reduced by 55%
- No indication of displacement
- Significant reductions in fear of crime and improved community