

Annex 13 – Police Label Secured Housing[®]

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IS THIS SECURED HOUSING?



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Police Label history

- 1994 Start experiment for new estates
- 1996 National scale
- 2005 Police label 'self supporting'

Liveability through security

- Pro-active
- Preventive
- Repressive

Security through co-operation

- Police
- Municipality
- Industry
- Housing association

Police Label issues of security

- Burglary potential of buildings
- Burglary potential of dwellings
- Car theft and burglary potential of cars
- Bicycle theft
- Vandalism
- Anti social behaviour
- Fear of crime
- Fire

Requirements for new estates: from macro to micro

- Urban planning and design
- Public areas
- Layout
- Building
- Dwelling



Urban planning and design

Height and scale of residential building

Size, compartmentalisation and access to district





Public areas

Public lighting

- The residential area will be clearly and evenly illuminated in the dark
- The basic principle is that you can recognise people at a distance of at least 4 metres
- Alternative routes for slow traffic: on alternative (extra) routes, there is **no** public lighting to create a false appearance of safety.



Effects of improved street lighting on crime

- 8 American and 5 British evaluation studies showed that improved lighting led to reductions in crime, with an overall 20% reduction in crime in experimental areas compared with control areas (Home Office Research Study 251)

Parking outside

- Parking facilities for occupants and visitors close to the dwellings and residential buildings
- Parking is secure due to the good view people have on the parking facilities from the houses
- Shrubs between parking places should reach a maximum height of 50 cm



Management plan and supervision of public areas

- Agreement on the role of safety in managing and supervising the living environment has been laid down in writing by all relevant parties
- In this plan safety is an integral part – occupants and other parties are involved
- Contains agreements in which a lasting ‘clean’, comprehensive and secure living environment can be guaranteed
- Repairs to and the cleaning of pavements, walls, street furniture, lighting and other public property will be carried out within 5 days after being reported and repairs will be checked

Layout and rear paths

A dead end!



Building entrances – residential

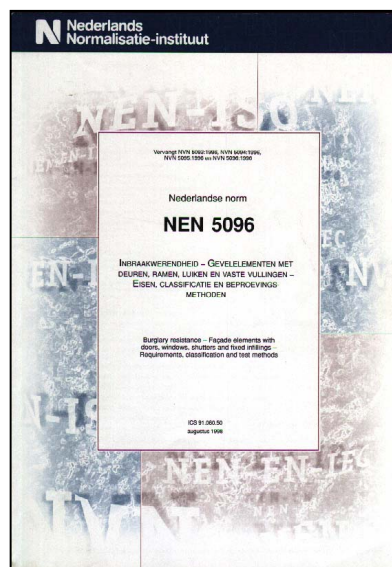


Dwellings – burglary potential



Burglar test

- Dutch: NEN 5096, class 2
- European: ENV 1627:1994, class 2



NEN 5096, class 2

- According to dwelling regulations
- Certified / approved materials
- Hinges and locks have to be submitted to a manual test (also called the “burglar test”)
- There are several test methods

Smoke detectors

- Occupants are warned in time when smoke/fire develops
- At a central place on each floor with bedrooms (usually in the hall or landing) there is at least one smoke detector

**INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION**

- Together with the certificate *Veilige Woning* (Secured Dwelling) the occupants receive written information
- Attention is also given to the use of keys and escape routes in case of fire

The results**Police Noord-Holland Noord**

- For 500 projects/new estates more than 35,000 ‘Secured Dwelling certificates have been issued, more than 400,000 in total in the Netherlands (January 2005)
- The risk of burglary for these dwellings has dropped spectacularly:
1.2 burglaries to 100 dwellings is ‘normal’ but in certified dwellings – **98% less!**

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