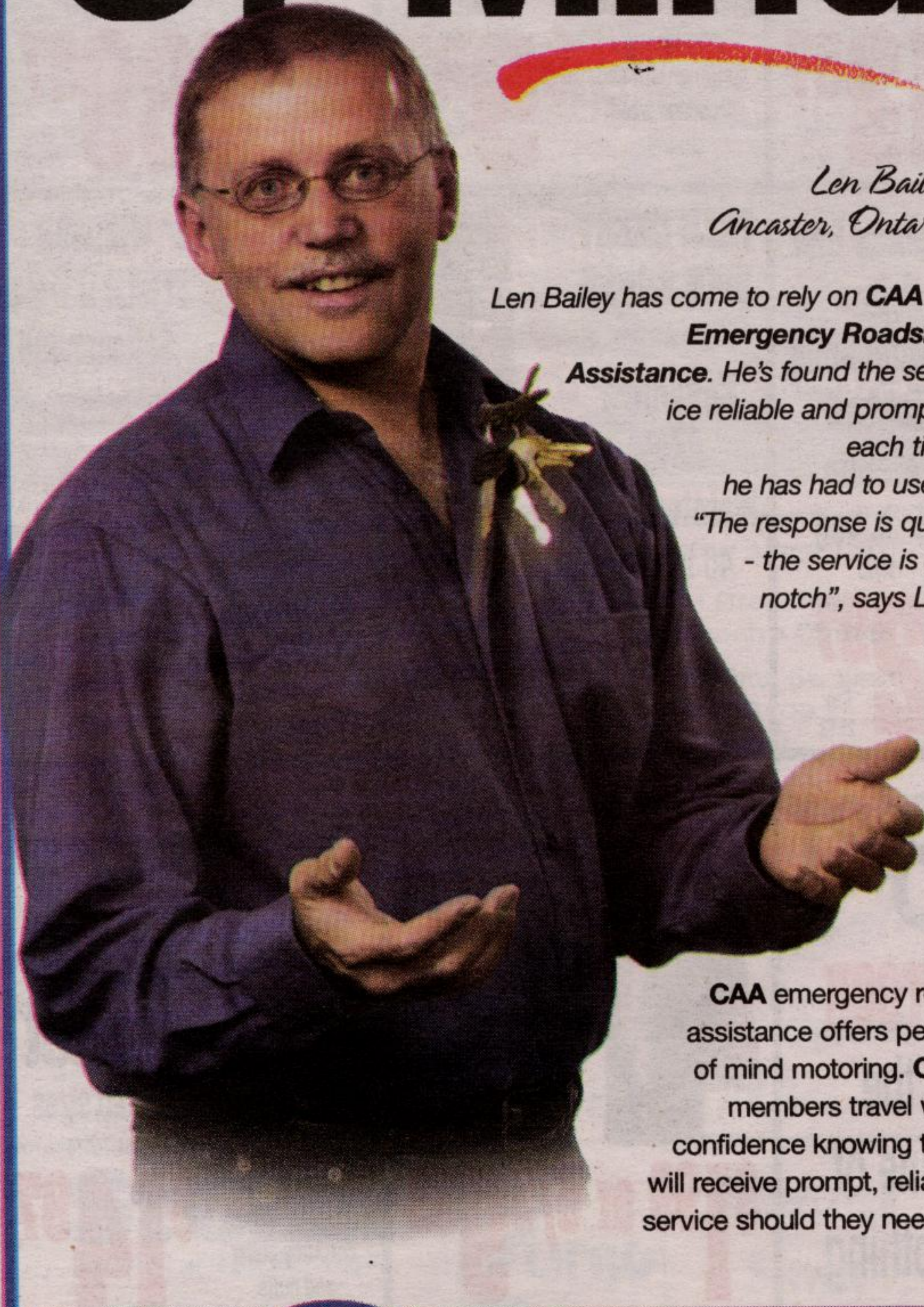




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Controlling criminal intent

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. What does that fancy title mean?

The CPTED (pronounced sep-ted) premise is "That the proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime—and to an increase in the quality of life".

By following the CPTED principles, you can make your home less inviting to criminals and criminal behaviour, which will in turn enhance your quality of life. The strategies can be applied to any built environment, whether it is a residence, business, street, school, mall, park etc.

There are three strategies that are intertwined and overlap. The first is called natural access control. When you go onto a property, you will notice a number of things, such as a fence, pathway, gate, door, locks or a barrier of some sort that controls who is allowed to enter. Sometimes the access control is less structured, such as a store, and is open to invite public entry.

When the public sees a fence, or a barrier, they know that they are only allowed to enter under the correct circumstances. A home is private, and entry is gained only by invitation. A mall is a semi-public space even though it is private property, and the public is encouraged to enter. Very often in a business, when you do enter, there is a

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reception area. The public is allowed to enter, but only by certain doors. A business may not want the public to come in via a loading dock, or another dangerous area, so they put up signs, and fences to channel the public in the direction they want.

When a person has a criminal intent, they may not pay attention to the cues that law-abiding citizens would. That is when "target hardening" comes into play.

I will cover the other two principles of CPTED in the weeks to come.

If you have any questions about CPTED you can contact me at laurel.barnett@hrps.on.ca or 905-878-5511 ext 2120.

There are some other Web sites that have more information about CPTED, as I have only skimmed the surface. You might try www.cpted-ontario.ca or www.cpted.net.

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