

**THE DEFENSIBLE SPACE; AN ACHIEVEMENT OF A
SENSE OF SECURITY THROUGH DEFENSIBLE SPACE
IN AN URBAN SETTING.**



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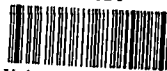
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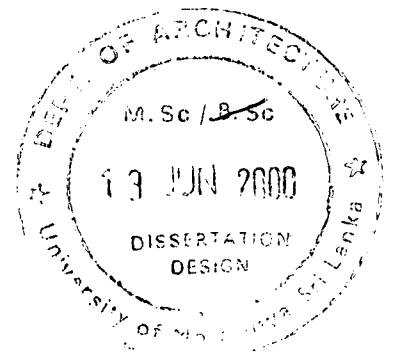
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ABSTRACT

The inherent need to be felt "secured" directed man to change the natural environment to a "Built Environment". In the process of building environment man always had a pre-conceived image of an ideal secured environment in his mind; in other words defensiveness. Therefore, from the beginning, the human built environments have conformed to the principles that have organized his image of such "ideal secured environments".

The territoriality and survivability are the principles that have organized the image of an ideal secured environments. These principles, in the context has a relationship with the level of security sensed by a person in a particular environment (defensible space)

The man's needs to be secured are reflected in built environment through many means such as the orientation, belongingness, territoriality and community.

An examination of the territoriality and survivability of the environments leads one to understand how defensible space is generated in a built environment. Such understanding among the architects, enables them to cater for the user; that is to create comfortable built environments; the work of Architecture.

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