

SHARP FORMS

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Sharp edges
or corners
can be
harmful as
they create
poison
arrows of
negative
energy.

We learn at the elementary level of feng shui that we should avoid sharp forms, which are considered a type of sha (harmful energy). Positioning our seats or beds in front of corners or having a corner of a building pointing at our entrance or windows is said to be harmful in various ways. If you are like me, sceptical about the validity of such claims, you probably tend to think that the effect is mainly psychological and not that serious – seriously.

Well – after years of studying, and observing, and above else, experiencing for myself the effects of corners, I have learned humbleness in front of old masters. Furthermore, I have learned that sharpness in unsuspected forms can have quite a disconcerting effect.

Corners

A corner of 90 degrees or less disturbs the electro-magnetic field. This can often be observed when using Luopan or even a regular compass. The needle may turn quite a lot in front of a corner displaying in a most concrete manner the physical effect of sha on magnetic field. This is one of the many reasons, why taking compass readings inside a building is difficult.

Sitting or sleeping in the line of attack will disturb a person. Short term effect is usually irritation, quarrelsomeness, and in most sensitive people, headaches or other bodily aches. If a family member has the habit of going into angry fits when sitting at the dining table, you may want to check whether there is a corner directed towards the seat. A mirror or even a glass covering a picture on the wall



Beware of corners of buildings

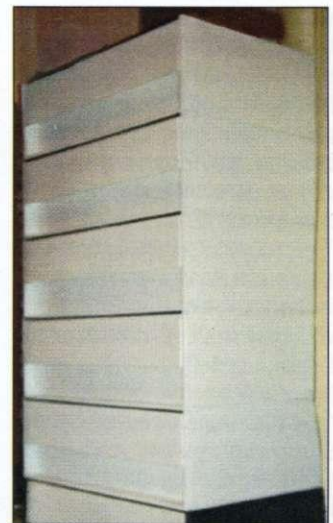
can reflect an image of a corner. The effect can be doubled by the mirror.

While we sleep, we are exposed to environmental energies for extended periods of time. The first indication of impending troubles is usually insomnia, but sooner or later a corner pointing at a sleeping person affects physical well-being in a more serious manner.

I had clients, who had problems conceiving. When I checked the marital bed, there were lines from no less than three corners and additionally two geopathic stress lines crossing over the husband's pubic area when he slept. A week before my visit he had had an operation to correct problems in his genitals.

A corner of an innocent-looking piece of furniture can create problems. The set of drawers in the photo caused serious insomnia in the person sleeping in line of the corner despite it having been positioned at the opposite

corner of the room, 2 meters away from the bed. After the chest was moved to another corner and hidden behind a chair, the person was finally able to sleep through the night without waking up.



Chest of Drawers with sharp corners

Correcting a Problem

A corner pointing at a door will disturb the nature of qi entering through the opening. When there is a corner inside a house, directed at a door of any importance (bedroom, living room), it is advisable to do something about it. In some old buildings such corners are rounded, which is good Feng Shui. We can cover the corner with rounded covering strip, a statue, a piece of furniture, or a plant.



Covering a corner



Plant in front of corner

For those, who want to use pretty lead crystals for Feng Shui purposes, this is the appropriate place to hang them in rather than in windows. However, real faceted quartz crystals, especially of the amethyst kind, should be neatly stored in boxes or cupboards, because their sharp points emit powerful energy, which has the potential to act with local qi in damaging ways. Amethyst crystals and fire qi together can be harmful to eyes and heart.

Wuxing or five element cures are used to cure intangible energies. Colour and shape are the most common considerations. However, there is one "cure", which can be harmful instead of correcting. Triangular shapes are considered fire. I never recommend them as fire cures, because of the sharp corners. Over the years I've learned to be very careful and respectful of these things.

Mannequin

The following is a story of probably my most hilarious Feng Shui experience, but as you will see, it is also a very serious lesson.

Last year my eldest son moved away to study in another part of the country. I immediately moved his belongings from his room in order to make way for my daughter. One of the items was a mannequin (height c. 60 cm), which my son had once made. I think it is very cute and I like it a lot. However, while I placed it temporarily in our central hallway, I was wondering if it could be sha. Well, having it there for only a few days can't pose a danger and if something happens, I'll know for sure.



Mannequin

The following night I got a sudden pain in my stomach and then started throwing up and got a heavy diarrhoea.

There was absolutely no reason for it. Oh well, things sometimes happen, right...?

The following day I started bleeding heavily from my uterus. It was totally impossible for it to be menstrual. Needless to say that the first thing I did was to stuff the mannequin into a box. Then I contacted the medical centre. During the following couple of months I went through extensive tests – even my kidneys were checked. In the end none of the doctors could give any explanation to what had happened, because I am completely healthy, with no weaknesses, no signs of any problem anywhere. I was laughing my way through the tests since I was sure that there's nothing wrong with me and that this is just a freak feng shui effect. The good thing was that I got some tests done, which were about 20 years over-due. Naturally it was impossible to explain to the doctors the reason for my condition so they were left baffled.

Flying stars:

The hallway connects the facing and sitting with central stars 654. I am ming gua 6. The mannequin was slightly to the North from the center. There we have 2 mountain star, 1 time star and annual 1 (problems with stomach, uterus, sexual organs, bleeding etc.). On the night of stomach upset the daily star was 1, and on the following day of bleeding, 9.

Mountain:

Luan Tou Pai, Mountain Top School or Form School, classifies landscape forms (mountains and water). Many of these classifications have later been used to describe also man-made objects.

Mountains can be classified according to the nine stars of Big Dipper, which also correspond to the 9 Flying

Stars. Comparing Lian Zhen mountain with the



mannequin shows a close similarity. Lian Zhen has a sharp threatening appearance and relates to star 5-Yellow, which has the reputation of creating all sorts of unfortunate events.

Killing effect

It is said that a Chinese Mafia boss turns the spout of a teapot to point out to his followers the person they should eliminate. This teaches us a lesson of being mindful of how we place even innocent household items, not to mention the more dangerous ones like scissors and knives. Parents of small children get into the habit of removing sharp items from sight. It doesn't hurt us to do the same, or at least see to it that sharp objects point at walls rather than at us or our dear ones.

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The association provides information on courses, consultants and the possibility of being in contact with other Feng Shui enthusiasts. The association organises monthly lecture meetings and invites foreign teachers to give seminars.

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