



# Preventing and removing graffiti

## Key crime prevention tips

- Reduce access to large surfaces.
- Secure the property.
- Remove the graffiti as soon as possible.

## Graffiti prevention checklist

### Reduce access to large surfaces

- Paint walls, garage doors or other large surfaces with an easy clean coating.
- Cover walls with a textured or rough surfaces, for example stucco.
- Install fences or plant vegetation to make large surfaces difficult to access.
- Paint a mural on large walls. Murals can deter "tagging".

### Secure the property

- Install cameras and sensor lighting, including on lane way access.

### Remove the graffiti as soon as possible

- Use a citrus oil-based product.
- When repainting, aim for the closest match possible to the original.
- Contact your local council as they may be able to assist in graffiti removal.

### Other things you can do

- Get to know your neighbours. They may recognise unusual activity.
- Join your local Neighbourhood Watch: [www.nhw.com.au/groups](http://www.nhw.com.au/groups).

## What to do if your property has been vandalised

- Do not confront the vandal. Your safety is the most important thing.
- Take a photo of the graffiti

### Report it

- For emergencies, to report a crime in progress, or for immediate police attendance, call Triple Zero (000).
- For non-emergencies, call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or report online at [www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting](http://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting).
- Make sure you tell police what the graffiti says.
- Report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or [www.crimestoppers.com.au](http://www.crimestoppers.com.au).

**For more information,  
visit [police.vic.gov.au/your-safety](http://police.vic.gov.au/your-safety)**