

ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY PAINT-OUT

Community paint-outs involve residents, businesses, schools and other community groups to paint over graffiti in your neighborhood. If you want to organize a community paint-out, we'll help put you in touch with organizations to help you. To get started, call: **(541) 883-5358**

PROTECT YOUR WALLS

Commercial products are available that make cleaning graffiti easier. Protecting your walls now could save time later if your building becomes the target of graffiti vandalism. For more information, contact your local paint store.

HOW DO I REPORT GRAFFITI?

It's important to report graffiti on public or private property to ensure that it's removed in a timely manner.

- If the graffiti vandalism is in progress, call **9-1-1**
- If you see graffiti on public or private property, call: **(541) 883-5358** or report it online at ci.klamath-falls.or.us/departments/development/code
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KLAMATH FALLS POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONTACT INFORMATION:

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Anonymous Tip Hot Line:

(541) 883-5334

Telephone:

(8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday—Friday)

(541) 883-5336

Fax:

(541) 883-5389

Postal Address:

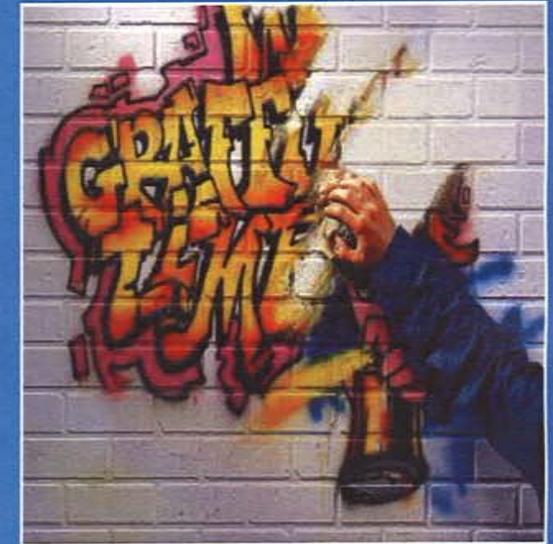
425 Walnut Avenue, Klamath Falls, OR
97601

Electronic Mail:

kpfd@ci.klamath-falls.or.us



Graffiti Removal Assistance for Property Owners



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A CRIME.



COMMON TARGETS AND LOCATIONS OF GRAFFITI

Graffiti crime can occur anywhere. Some of the more popular targets include:

- Public and private buildings
- Newspaper and utility boxes
- Parks and playgrounds
- Bridges and overpasses
- Public transit property and vehicles
- Dumpsters and mailboxes
- Fences

RELATED PROBLEMS

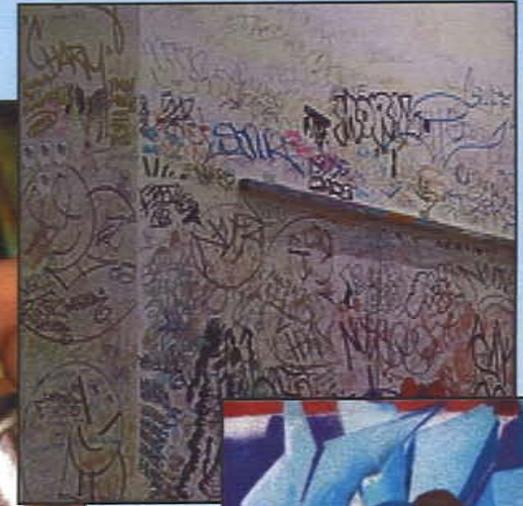
Graffiti is not an isolated problem. It is often related to other crime and disorder problems, including public disorder, littering, public urination, loitering, and shoplifting graffiti materials. Graffiti is also related to gangs and gang violence, as gang graffiti conveys threats and identifies turf boundaries.

DEFENDING AGAINST GRAFFITI CRIME

- Restrict access to walls by
- planting ivy, thorny bushes or trees
- Apply graffiti resistant coatings to protect walls
- Increase lighting and visibility in vulnerable areas
- Establish/participate in a strong *Neighborhood Watch* program

HOW GRAFFITI AFFECTS OUR COMMUNITY

- Heightened fear of crime in the community
- Local property values may decrease
- Local economy may decline, causing small businesses to close
- Gives the impression that no one cares about the community



THE QUICK REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI IS THE
MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO PREVENT
FURTHER ACTS OF VANDALISM

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Record: Photographs help the police identify local graffiti hot spots.

Report: It is critical to report to the appropriate agency. Call the City Code Enforcement office at (541) 883-5358 to report incidents of graffiti.

Remove: Immediate removal of graffiti deters future repeated incidents.

