



## PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

Each year, there are between 5,000 and 8,000 reported vandalism incidents in Portland.

Vandalism is intentional property damage, including graffiti, breaking windows, smashing lights and illegal dumping of litter.

Address vandalism of your property with the following tips.

# PREVENTING VANDALISM



### Maintain It

Areas that look cared for are at lower risk of vandalism.

Keep your grass and shrubs trimmed, and your property free of trash.

Vandals do not want to be seen! Keep your property well-lit, and consider installing motion sensing lights and/or CCTV cameras to prevent vandalism.

### Light It

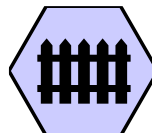


### Clean It

Vandals often return to the same location, particularly if the damage goes unrepaired. Clean graffiti and repair vandalism quickly to show your property is cared for.

Unclear property boundaries can make vandals feel more welcome. Clearly define your property boundaries with fencing or shrubs. Keep gates closed.

### Define It

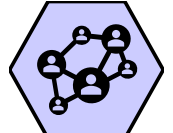


### Protect It

When paint, polish or acids are applied to glass, it can be difficult to repair. Protective films can make paint removal easier, and can prevent acid damage.

Talk to your neighbors to learn whether others are experiencing similar vandalism. Share this information with those nearby to reduce targets in your area.

### Share It



Report all crimes. For crimes in progress, call 911. After an event, call the non-emergency line at 503-832-3333, or visit [www.Portlandoregon.Gov/Police](http://www.Portlandoregon.Gov/Police). For more information, visit the Graffiti Program at <https://www.portland.gov/civic/graffiti>

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