

# Suggestions To Prevent More Graffiti

It's very frustrating to paint over graffiti on your property, only to have it vandalized again. Here are two ways to paint out graffiti that will discourage further vandalism.

## 1. The BEST way – Paint the Entire Wall

Repaint the entire wall, or paint up to 7 feet high (making a straight line across the top) with a color that matches the wall. This leaves no trace of graffiti and does not draw the attention of the vandals. This method is 10 times more effective than patching.

## 2. The NEXT TO BEST way – Paint in Patches

When it is not possible to paint the entire wall, use a closely matched color blocked over the graffiti in neat, square shapes. The closer the color match, the more effective it is in preventing further vandalism.

### Remember...

The vandal's objective is to have others see his or her "tag" name. Vandals are drawn to walls that are not cleaned immediately because it means their "tag" will be up longer and seen by more people.

By covering the graffiti as soon as possible, you prevent your property from becoming a "known" good site among vandals.

### If You Need Help...

If you are unable to cover up or remove graffiti on your property due to financial or physical limitations, please call your nearest C.O.P.S. Shop or 835-4517 for assistance.

## Report Graffiti To:

**CRIME CHECK**  
**456-2233**