



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING
CRIME

GRAFFITI PREVENTION

Graffiti is not art - it is a criminal offence that involves offenders vandalising the property of others without consent by the use of spray paint, marking pens or other similar items.

Graffiti prevention can be achieved in a number of ways. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts can be used to help make your home or business less attractive to graffiti offenders.

Consider the following crime prevention tips to help prevent graffiti:

- Ensure existing lighting is operating correctly.
- Consider installing sensor lighting which is cost effective as it only activates when movement is detected in the zone.
- Apply graffiti resistant coatings to protect walls, fences and buildings.
- CCTV can enhance the physical security of your business and assist in the identification of people involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour.
- Limit access to areas that are likely targets of graffiti vandals.
- Keep your property looking neat and tidy. An unkempt property may attract graffiti.
- Keeping trees and shrubs trimmed can reduce concealment opportunities and increases visibility to your home or business.
- Keep spray paints and other items that could be stolen secured at all times.

For more information about Crime Prevention through Environmental Design please refer to our 'CPTED' and 'CPTED Strategy' fact sheets.

Immediately call police on 131 444 if you are witnessing graffiti or if you have information about graffiti call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you have any questions, please contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

BUSINESS SECURITY

