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Stop Vandalism!

VANDALISM is the act of destroying other people's property such as benches, garbage bins or windows. This also involves graffiti. People who vandalise are called 'vandals'. Vandalism is against the law. It is a **crime**.

According to a recent **survey**, most vandals are young people from school children to teenagers. They damage **property** because they are bored, angry, influenced by peers or taking revenge.

Prevention is better than cure. We must take a stand to stop vandalism. You may report it to school authorities, the police or someone who can take action.

Young people should be involved in vandalism prevention efforts. They can work with schools or the community to paint murals on areas that are **vulnerable** to graffiti. Make it a contest for them. They can also be appointed as young patrols or volunteers to clean up **litter** and keep an eye on things.

The best way to prevent vandalism is to find out how and why it happens and develop a strategy to overcome it.

Graffiti is writing or drawings on public walls, toilets or other surfaces.

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