

STAND TALL AND TAKE ACTION

The city of Phoenix Graffiti Buster Program provides a free presentation tailored to the needs of your school or organization on how residents, students, teachers and businesses can STAND TALL against graffiti.

STAND TALL participants will learn:

- Negative impacts graffiti has on youth, property owners, schools, neighborhoods, businesses and others
- How to identify and report graffiti using the latest technology
- Current trends, best practices in graffiti removal and graffiti vandal prosecution
- Resources available through the Graffiti Buster Program
- How to earn rewards for reporting graffiti vandalism

To request a customized STAND TALL anti-graffiti presentation for your school, association or organization, call 602-534-4444, ext. 4.

GRAFFITI RESOURCES

The city's Neighborhood Services Department has a variety of resources available to assist residents, neighborhood groups, students and businesses in their effort towards a graffiti free Phoenix.

- Report graffiti
 - Use the smart phone app (MyPhxAZ)
 - E-mail blight@phoenix.gov
 - Call 602-534-4444, ext. 1
- Report graffiti in progress: call 9-1-1
- Graffiti Vandal Catching Reward Program: 602-262-7327
- Tool Lending Program – paint, rollers, gloves, paint sprayers, pressure washers, etc., 602-534-4444, ext. 2
- Neighborhood College Workshops: 602-534-4444, ext. 4
 - Graffiti 101
 - Paint Sprayer Certification Training
 - Pressure Washer Certification Training
 - Victim's Rights Training
 - Graffiti Free Phoenix STAND TALL Workshop
 - Blight Buster Volunteer Training
- Flash Cam Program

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Graffiti has a negative impact on individuals, homes, businesses, schools and neighborhoods throughout the city. Graffiti vandalism can start at an early age and can lead to more serious negative social behavior and crime. It is often referred to as a gateway crime. Graffiti contributes to:

- Lower property values
- Discourages business and residential investment and retail sales
- Promotes fear
- Impacts a community's overall economic vitality

Graffiti is an increasing expense for private property owners and taxpayers who are vandalized. It is also against the law!

In addition, Phoenix retailers are required to keep tools and supplies that may be used to create graffiti (spray paint, wide tipped permanent markers, etching supplies, etc) inaccessible to the public without employee assistance.



GET INVOLVED WITH GRAFFITI FREE PHOENIX

How to keep the city of Phoenix graffiti free:

- Report graffiti in your community
- Discourage youth and adults from participating in vandalism in any form
- Become a Blight Buster Volunteer
- Keep your own property free of graffiti
- Report any graffiti tools/supplies displayed in stores that are accessible to the public
- Host or volunteer for a community clean up
- Take a free NSD Neighborhood College workshop on Graffiti 101, Paint Sprayer Training, Pressure Washer Training, etc.
- Connect with NSD on social media to stay informed of upcoming graffiti-related events and share your photos removing graffiti using the hashtag #GraffitiFreePHX.
- Invoke your victim rights as a property owner or neighborhood association

COMMON TRAITS OF A GRAFFITI VANDAL*

- Lack of empathy towards others
- Prone to be violent
- Two or more emotional and behavioral disorders (e.g.)**
 - Worry (Anxiety)
 - Always feeling sad (Depression)
 - Destructive Feelings (Conduct disorder)
 - Out of control behavior (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder)
- Progressive history of violence, including domestic violence in adulthood

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**Myra Frances Taylor, Ida Marais & Robyn Cottman (2012): Patterns of graffiti offending: towards recognition that graffiti offending is more than 'kids messing around', Policing and Society: An International Journal of Research and Policy, 22:2, 152-168 Link: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10439463.2011.605128>



VICTIM'S RIGHTS

If your property has been vandalized with graffiti you may file a police report by calling 602-262-6151. Property owners who are vandalized and Neighborhood Associations listed with the city's Neighborhood Notification Office should invoke their rights as a victim with the Police to be kept informed about any related charges filed in court against a graffiti vandal. They also have the opportunity to provide a victim statement and/or testify at the hearing.



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