

# HELP KEEP SPOKANE VALLEY GRAFFITI-FREE!

## Prevent it!

- Learn more about graffiti and its negative effects.
- Contact your local S.C.O.P.E. station for tips on how to keep your neighborhood graffiti-free.
- Arrange a special presentation on graffiti for your classroom or community organization.

*(see the back of this brochure  
for a list of resources)*

## Report it!

- Report graffiti by calling  
Crime Check at 456-2233

## Remove it!

- Don't let graffiti attract more graffiti, vandalism or crime.
- Remove or paint over it after it's been reported and photographed.
- Contact your local S.C.O.P.E. station for tips on removing graffiti.
- Search the internet for "graffiti removal tips."
- Keep Spokane Valley graffiti-free!

Under Spokane Valley Municipal Code 7.05.040, graffiti is defined as a nuisance. Failure to remove graffiti is a violation of the Municipal Code and may result in a \$500 fine.

To report graffiti, call  
Crime Check, 456-2233

For more information on  
graffiti and graffiti removal,  
call your local S.C.O.P.E. station.

Central Valley	928-3807
Edgecliff	477-6345
Trentwood	927-9490
University	477-2582

For presentations on graffiti  
for your classroom or  
community organization, call  
your area S.C.O.P.E. Office.



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A community guide  
to keeping  
Spokane Valley  
graffiti-free.



## What is graffiti?

Grffiti is any type of unauthorized marking on public or private property. It may include words, figures, designs or other inscriptions on any type of property that can be seen by the public.

It may be applied using paint, ink, dye or other substances that can be used to mark property.

## Isn't graffiti illegal?

Yes. Those who are responsible for applying graffiti can be convicted of malicious mischief, a crime that is punishable by a fine up to \$5000 and/or up to one year in jail.

And, because we are determined to defeat graffiti's negative effects, it has been added to Spokane Valley's list of prohibited nuisances\* so that our community can be graffiti-free.



\*SVMC 7.05.040

## Why be graffiti-free?

A scourge in communities across the nation, graffiti mars public and private property. It can lower property value and discourage investment in the community.

Grffiti negatively affects people's feelings of safety, and can encourage more vandalism and gang activity.

Uncontrolled graffiti projects a poor image of our community, and worst of all, destroys community pride.



## Report graffiti Crime Check 456-2233

You can help keep Spokane Valley free of graffiti and its harmful effects. Call **Crime Check at 456-2233**.

Be ready to provide:

- Your name,
- A phone number where you can be reached, and
- A description and location of the graffiti.

You may also be asked to submit a photograph of the graffiti if you can do so.



## How can I be graffiti-free?

If graffiti shows up on your property, report it right away by calling Crime Check at 456-2233.

After it has been reported and photographed, remove graffiti promptly and completely; otherwise it can attract vandalism, crime and more graffiti.

## How do I remove graffiti?

Most graffiti can be removed with common products found at your local hardware store. Some community members keep extra paint handy just for this purpose.

Ask for graffiti removal information when you call Crime Check to report it, contact your local S.C.O.P.E station, or search the internet for "graffiti removal tips."

Regardless of the removal method you choose, be sure to remove graffiti as soon as possible and help keep Spokane Valley graffiti-free.