

# Graffiti PREVENTION

## Information Sheet 1

### Landscaping

- Limit access to a wall prone to graffiti through planting against the wall.
- Prickly plants will make it more difficult for the offender to access the wall.
- Gravel that creates noise can be used on paths to deter graffiti offenders.
- Remove planting or screening that hides an area prone to graffiti to increase the likelihood that the offender will be seen committing graffiti vandalism.
- Consider using physical barriers for areas prone to graffiti.

### Lighting

- Consider using lighting in areas that are regularly accessed by the public to deter offenders by increasing the likelihood of detection.

### Materials

- Consider the colour used on walls prone to graffiti as the offender's vandalism will not be as visible on darker colours as it will be on white walls and, therefore, acts as a deterrent to the offender.
- Murals or mosaics can be used where landscaping is not suitable.
- Consider the texture of the wall surface. Rough surfaces are less attractive to graffiti offenders than smooth surfaces.
- Consider the material used for fences. Gaps in fencing are less attractive to graffiti offenders than solid wall fencing.

- In areas prone to graffiti, choose materials that are easy to clean.
- Anti-graffiti coating can be applied to areas prone to graffiti.

### Removal

- Ongoing rapid removal of graffiti, within 24-48 hours, will decrease the likelihood of offenders vandalising your property in the future. The presence of graffiti attracts more graffiti.
- Refer to Graffiti Removal: Information Sheet 2 for further information.

### Advice

- If your property is prone to graffiti and you would like additional advice on graffiti prevention, contact State Community Policing, Tasmania Police.
- Your local council may also be able to provide you with information.

### Reporting

- Report graffiti vandalism to your local Tasmania Police station.
- Report graffiti vandalism to the property owner.
- Report suspicious activity or other information concerning graffiti offenders to Tasmania Police or Crime Stoppers.

#### Contacts

Tasmania Police:	Ph 131 444
Crime Stoppers:	Ph 1800 333 000
Crime Prevention & Community Safety Council:	Ph 62 302154

