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If you want to receive restitution in the event that a suspect is caught please call 577-3837 with costs of removal.



Graffiti is blight on our beautiful city. The City of Boise is committed to the removal and reduction of graffiti. One proven method to control graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible. Most graffiti vandals attack property in the hopes of seeing their tag mark a surface for a long time. The quicker we can remove graffiti the less incentive vandals have to mark a given surface.

To accomplish our goal of quick graffiti removal, the City of Boise requests that citizens contact the Boise City Police Department at **377-6790** and file a report as soon as the Graffiti is discovered

If you choose to remove or cover the Graffiti on your own please take photographs prior to removal. Photographs are very important and often help connect a suspect to the vandalism. After you have taken photographs please contact the Boise City Police Department and report the graffiti incident. **377-6790**.

IF YOU SEE GRAFFITI IN PROGRESS

CALL 911

Things You Can Do About Graffiti.

Recognize It Report It Remove It

1. Keep watch on your community and look for graffiti in your neighborhood and on your property.
2. Report Graffiti to the Boise City Police Department, Non-emergency phone number (208) 377-6790.
3. Once you have reported graffiti on your property **Remove the graffiti as soon as possible**. Let the vandals know that you are not going to allow their “advertising” and that tagging your community is a waste of time.
4. Install plants that present a barrier in front of frequently tagged walls.
5. Install motion activated lights in dark areas that may be prone to vandalism.
6. Know your neighbors and be aware of activity in your neighborhood.
7. Talk to your children about graffiti and the consequences of vandalism.
8. Apply protection products to minimize potential damage done by graffiti.



Graffiti Removal Guide



REMOVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

**THE SOONER GRAFFITI IS REMOVED,
THE BETTER!**

**Research shows that removal within 24-48
hours is most effective in discouraging repeat
vandalism.**



Why should I be concerned about graffiti?

Graffiti is a serious crime that impacts all the citizens of Boise. Properties can be devalued and business owners can lose customers from the negative image that graffiti generates. Moreover, the presence of graffiti can send the message that a neighborhood is in decline or over-ridden with crime.

When used by gangs, graffiti elevates violence and promotes gang membership. Graffiti also contributes to the overall decline of the neighborhood as it gives the impression that no one cares about the overall state of the community.

Economic Effects of Graffiti

When graffiti exists in a neighborhood, outsiders who may be considering opening a business or buying a home are likely to feel uneasy; they may choose to look elsewhere. Who wants to move to a blighted, decaying community? In addition, longtime residents and business owners may also think about relocating before it's too late!

Graffiti undermines community development, especially those efforts aimed at bringing in new businesses. Neighborhoods blighted by graffiti may find it particularly difficult to attract revitalizing investments.

In addition to long-term effects, the immediate cost of removing graffiti can run into tens of thousands of dollars in private and public expense.

Waiver of Liability

The undersigned party does hereby agree to release from all liability, and indemnify and save and hold harmless the City of Boise and the Boise Police Department, its officials, officers and employees, volunteers, agents and assigns, from and for any and all damage or injury to persons or property and losses and expenses caused or incurred by the authorized removal of graffiti from the property, owned or controlled by the undersigned and located (address):

by any Boise Police department employee or volunteer acting on behalf of the Boise Police Department. This waiver shall not be construed to indemnify the City of Boise or the Boise Police Department from injuries suffered by any member of the Boise Police Department while performing the assigned duty on the above listed property. The undersigned party understands that the terms of this waiver are contractual, legally binding, and are not mere recitals.

Property owner or representative: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Authorizing Signature/Date: _____

