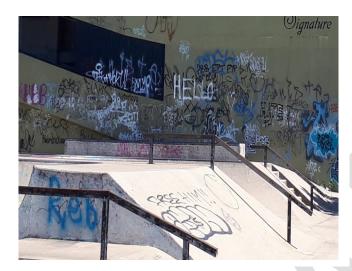




# **Graffiti Prevention**



## Easy steps for reducing graffiti

Most graffiti occurs on exposed walls and fences. You can reduce graffiti by restricting the available surface on which graffiti can be placed by;

- planting vegetation against or near to solid surfaces to make them less attractive canvases
- using landscaping instead of fencing to mark out areas or restrict access
- limiting the amount of solid surface by using mesh, grilles or lattice work
- using highly-textured or uneven materials for solid surfaces

## Phone numbers to report graffiti

**Queensland Police 131 444** 

Fraser Coast Regional Council 1300 79 49 29

Council property, private property (boundaries) and Ergon Energy property e.g. power poles, power boxes and pillars

## Transport and Main Roads 13 23 80

Sound barrier fences, concrete dividing fences, traffic signal boxes on main roads and motorways, call the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

## Australia Post 13 76 78

Red street mail boxes, express post mail boxes and large mail holding boxes, call Australia Post.

## Telstra 180 22 44

Phone boxes, concrete cylindrical pillars and rim boxes, call Telstra.

## Queensland Rail 13 16 17

Rail corridor please call Queensland Rail.



#### **Graffiti Prevention**

A guide for residents and business owners Phone: 1300 79 49 29 Email: <u>enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au</u> Website: https://www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au/

## Let's prevent it together

Simple planning and design strategies can help to reduce the likelihood and incidence of graffiti.

#### Plan for easy graffiti repair

Choose surfaces that can be repainted or are easy to clean, such as tiles or polished masonry. Dark colours are less attractive to graffiti vandals.

Keep any surplus paint when decorating in case you want to paint over graffiti in the future.

Anti-graffiti coatings can also help to prevent absorption of paint used in tagging, making graffiti easier to remove. Apply coatings to a minimum height of three metres.

#### Install lighting

Installation of vandal-resistant sensor lights may help to reduce graffiti by improving passive surveillance. Make sure they are out of reach.

#### **Consider a mural**

Consider asking a community group or professional artist to apply a mural to your premises. Public art can beautify an area, draw attention to your business and help prevent graffiti.

## Join Neighbourhood Watch

Work with your neighbours to make your community safer. Email nhwg@police.gld.gov.au for details of your local group.

Graffiti is a crime. If you see suspicious activity, report it to police. If you have information about graffiti vandalism, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



## Let's report it together

We are committed to removing graffiti from our region – and we need your help. We aim to remove all graffiti in public areas as quickly as possible.

#### Offensive graffiti is given priority

To report graffiti on Council, Ergon Energy or private property, please contact the 1300 79 49 29 or email enquiry@frasercoast.qld.gov.au.

Please note, we do not require written consent of property owners prior to removing publicly visible graffiti. This is in accordance with State Government legislation under the Summary Offences Act 2005, and means that we can remove graffiti more quickly for our community.

## Let's remove it together

Remove graffiti as quickly as possible - preferably within 24 hours - because one tag tends to attract another.

You can remove tags when they are fresh by using methylated spirits, turps, paint stripper, dedicated graffiti removal products or even oven cleaner. These products contain toxic chemicals so wear protective clothing, including a mask, and always ensure they are stored out of children's reach in a locked cupboard.

If you choose to paint over graffiti, keep any unused paint and a brush handy in case you need to cover further tags.

Alternatively, professional graffiti removal companies are listed in the Yellow Pages under graffiti or paint removal services.



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