

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- ☞ When you are witnessing suspicious behaviour or a graffiti crime, call police immediately.
- ☞ Report all graffiti crimes by calling the police at (705) 675-9171.
- ☞ If you have any information on a graffiti crime in the city, you can also email Police at - [graffiti@police.sudbury.on.ca](mailto:graffiti@police.sudbury.on.ca)
- ☞ To anonymously report graffiti crime, call Crime Stoppers at (705) 675-8477.



The community must take ownership in order to reduce graffiti on public and private property



### Greater Sudbury Police Service

190 Brady Street  
Sudbury Ontario  
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#### Phone

705-675-9171  
9-1-1 for Emergencies

#### Fax

705-675-8871

#### Website

[www.police.sudbury.on.ca](http://www.police.sudbury.on.ca)

**Our Community - Our Commitment**

# GRAFFITI



## It is a crime



Let's take our city back!

## What is graffiti?

Graffiti is defined as writing, drawing or symbols applied to any surface without the consent of the property owner, authorized owner or designate.

## Where does it occur?

- ☞ Public and Private buildings
- ☞ Recreational facilities
- ☞ Newspaper boxes
- ☞ Parks and Playgrounds
- ☞ Utility boxes
- ☞ Bridges and Overpasses
- ☞ Public transit vehicles
- ☞ Canada Post mail boxes
- ☞ Freight trains

## How does graffiti affect our community?

- ☞ Disgrace to our city
- ☞ Increased taxes to fund clean-up programs
- ☞ Local property values decrease
- ☞ Heightened fear of crime in the community
- ☞ Local economy may decline causing small businesses to close
- ☞ Gives the impression that no one cares about the overall state of the community

## Graffiti is vandalism

Graffiti is an act of vandalism that can cause financial burden for property owners, businesses and taxpayers.

It is a crime, like stealing, because it steals the property owner's right to have their own property look clean and nice.

An individual caught writing graffiti will be charged under the Criminal Code with mischief. This can lead to fine and even imprisonment.



**Graffiti is not art. It is a crime.**