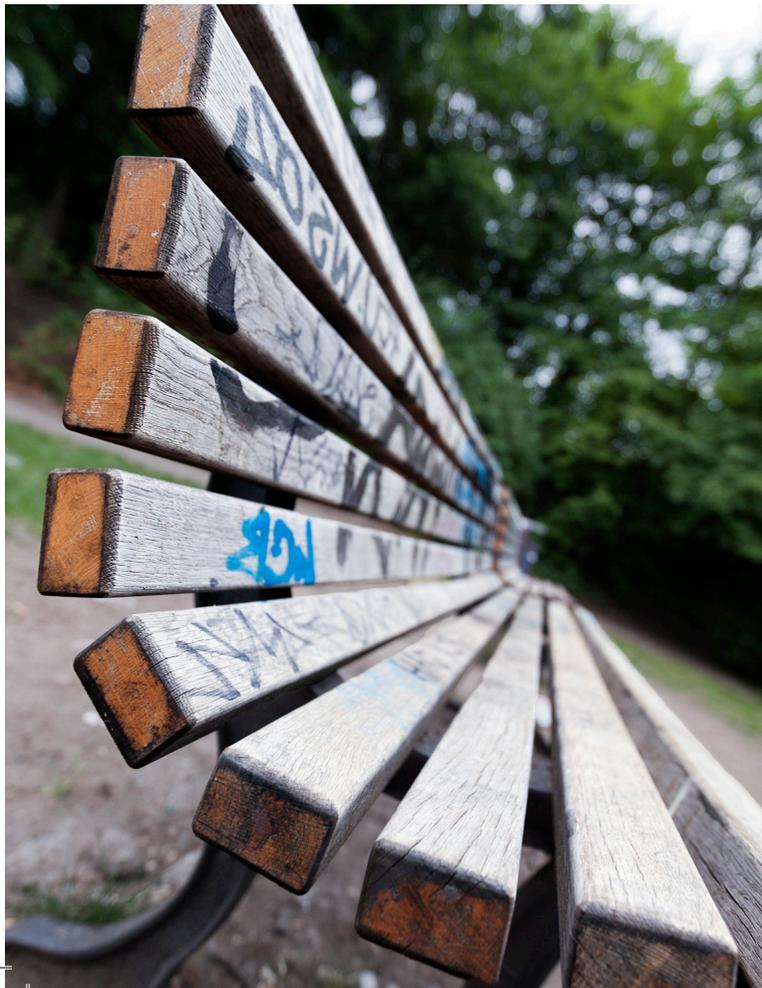


Graffiti and the law

- It is an offence to sell a graffiti implement to a person under 18 years old, if the seller has a reason to believe it will be used for graffiti (includes spray paint, pens and markers).
- The penalty is a maximum fine of \$6,000 for a first offence and a maximum fine of \$12,000 for a subsequent offence.
- A graffiti vandal faces up to two years imprisonment and/or a \$24,000 fine.
- Possessing an item with intention to use it to cause graffiti damage is punishable with a \$6,000 fine.



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Graffiti – the true cost to the community

Graffiti reduces the quality of our environment and how we feel about where we live. Marking another person's property with a symbol (tagging), without their consent, is vandalism.

In addition to the increasing expense of removing graffiti, there's the cost of insurance, policing and punishing offenders through the criminal justice system.

Graffiti reduces public confidence by increasing the perception and fear of crime.

The City's response

The City of Gosnells always takes action by removing graffiti as soon as possible, once notified. Racist or offensive graffiti is given the highest priority and the City works in partnership with the WA Police to identify and prosecute graffiti vandals.

The City will remove graffiti from its own assets and under certain conditions from private property provided a waiver has been accepted and signed. Please contact the City for further information.

Removing graffiti

It is not always easy to remove graffiti.

Ideally, graffiti removal should be tackled within 24 hours, when it is generally easier to remove.

Painting out graffiti may be the most efficient and cost effective option. Remember, you can always check with your local paint shop for advice on graffiti removal.

To request graffiti removal by the City of Gosnells, phone 9397 3000.

Reporting graffiti

Graffiti is a criminal offence and should be reported to police. If you have information on who may be responsible for graffiti, report this to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. You can remain anonymous.

Report all graffiti on your property to the police on 131 444. For removal of graffiti in the City of Gosnells call 9397 3000 (all hours).

To report graffiti on State Government assets such as railway stations call 1800 44 22 55 or go to the Goodbye Graffiti website at www.goodbyegraffiti.wa.gov.au



Protect your property

There are a few measures which may deter graffiti vandals:

- Plant fast growing vines or spikey vegetation, like bougainvillea, along fences and walls.
- Give some thought to the type of material used in fences and walls such as darker paint colours, textured fence panels or rippled surfaces.
- Use anti-graffiti coatings in high-risk areas as this makes for easy removal.
- Maintain your property. Poorly maintained properties attract graffiti.
- Use security lighting.

The City of Gosnells has zero tolerance to graffiti. The City takes action to remove graffiti as soon as possible once notified.

