

VANDALISM ISN'T FUNNY

IT'S A CRIME

How Would You Feel If Someone...

Broke the basketball backstop at the playground
where you shoot hoops?
Kicked your boom box and broke it?
Slashed the tires on your bicycle?
Spray painted obscenities on your house?
Tore up your mother's favorite rose bushes?

And then said it was just a joke.

Destroying someone else's property isn't funny. It's
vandalism and it's a crime.

Maybe you've heard that vandalism is just mischief
and doesn't really hurt anyone. That's not true.
Schools that have to spend money on broken win-
dows have less money — or no money — to spend
on sport equipment or student activities. Taxpayers
(your parents) have to pay the costs of replacing
damaged swings, basketball hoops, and streetlights.
A homeowner has to replace the torn-out roses or
knocked-down mailbox.

What You Can Do

Don't destroy or deface someone else's property or
places that everyone uses.

Report any acts of vandalism to the school
administrator or police.

Get your class or club to start an anti-vandalism
campaign.

Clean graffiti off walls in schools, libraries, or other
public facilities.

Work with police and school officials to start a
hotline to report vandalism.



TAKE A BITE OUT OF
CRIME



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