

# Vandalism Prevention Tips

School campuses, especially during warm summer months, can be a temptation for mischievous kids and adults. What can you do to protect your campus from vandalism? Here are a few suggestions:

- Make sure your fire and intrusion alarms are working properly. Repair all elements that are malfunctioning.
- Check all lighting on campus. Replace all burned out bulbs. Install lighting in currently dark areas. Consider installing motion sensor lights.
- Add or increase nightly patrols of campus, especially during the summer months when the weather is warmer and the days longer.
- Don't allow landscaping to provide camouflage for vandals. Cut back weeds and other vegetation around the campus to reduce fire risk and hiding places.
- Ensure all sprinkler heads are protected from breakage to prevent flooding.
- Shut down the gas supply to science rooms when school is out of session.
- Remove garbage cans when school is out of session. Garbage has been used as an ignition source for arson fires.
- Check fences and gates for damage. Make repairs and keep gates locked.
- Post WeTip signs where neighbors can see them. They may see something that can help catch a vandal
- Keep window coverings closed to hide room contents.
- Store high value equipment (computers, TVs etc.) in secure rooms, preferably without windows.
- If you have surveillance cameras, make sure they are working properly. Post signage around the perimeter of the school alerting would-be vandals to the security systems you have in place.

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