

NBSIA Member Services Safety Bulletin

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PREVENT VANDALISM ON YOUR CAMPUSES



Schools sites often attract mischief, especially as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer. Help prevent vandalism at your sites by following these tips:

Vandalism Prevention

- Regularly inspect and test all smoke alarms and intrusion alarms. Repair any malfunctions.
- Inspect fire sprinkler systems. Replace broken heads to prevent flooding.
- Put automatic sprinklers and site lighting on alternating schedules to deter vandals/thieves.
- Inspect all lighting on campus. Replace burned out bulbs. Install lighting in dark areas where intruders might hide. Consider installing motion sensor lights.
- Add or increase nightly patrols, especially during summer months and in high-risk neighborhoods.
- Cut back weeds and other vegetation to reduce fire risk and remove hiding places.
- Shut down the gas supply to science classes when school is out of session.
- Remove garbage cans when school is out of session. Garbage cans can be used as an ignition source for arson.
- Check fences and gates for damage. Make repairs and keep gates locked.
- Post WeTip (anonymous crime reporting hotline) posters throughout the campus. Post around the school perimeter for neighbors to see.
- Close window coverings to hide room contents and prevent attracting vandals.
- Store high value equipment (computers, TVs, etc.) in secure rooms, preferably without windows.
- Ensure surveillance cameras are working. Post signage around the perimeter of the school alerting

vandals to the security systems you have in place. Make sure the cameras have a light source so they record effectively.

What to do if Property Loss/Vandalism Occurs

- File a police report.
- Take photographs of the damage.
- Preserve evidence.
- Secure property by repairing any broken windows and/or doors.
- Fill out the NBSIA Property Loss Report form as completely as possible. Submit a copy to your District representative, a copy to NBSIA, and retain a copy at your site.
- Contact WeTip to have incident-specific posters created to help identify suspect(s).



See it Hear it Report it!
Report crimes anonymously to WeTip by calling 1-800-78-CRIME or by scanning the QR code and filling out the mobile tip form.



- Keep accurate track of labor and materials used in repair/cleanup as these will be included in any property damage claim.

Remember: *Call the police* if trespassers are on-site. Do NOT attempt to chase or apprehend anyone!

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