



## According to the Canadian Criminal Code, Mischief behavior is when:

Someone willfully destroys or damages property. It may also include when someone obstructs, interrupts or interferes with the lawful use, enjoyment or operation of property. (CC. s430 (1))

## Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

Please note, the Mission Crime Prevention Office offers free “CPTED” assessments to businesses and homeowners that may be at risk of ongoing mischief. These assessments provide additional recommendations on target hardening, based on environmental and physical aspects. If you would like an assessment completed of your respective business or property, please contact the Mission Crime Prevention Coordinator.

**In Case of an Emergency  
Please Call**

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## How to Avoid Being a Target of Mischief Behaviour

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## Examples of Types of Mischief Behavior:

- Vandalism/Graffiti
- Meddling with alarm systems or home security.
- Altering or removing signs.
- Egging a home or vehicle.
- Starting a fire (Arson).
- Tampering with a fire hose.
- Slashing tires on a vehicle.
- Breaking into a home, office, or business.

# Protecting Your Property Against Vandalism

- **Install Cameras** - Install cameras to monitor activity on your premises.
- **Maintain good lighting** - Make sure your property is well lit at night.
- **Consider break-resistant glass** - Glass that is break-resistant or coated with security film is stronger than regular glass and difficult to penetrate.
- **Consider shrubbery or fencing** - Keeping these properly maintained can discourage vandals from entering your property as it shows ownership.



- **Keep property tidy** - Keep your premises clean, tidy and free of trash. Disorder attracts vandals.
- **Don't ignore it** - Vandalism can attract more vandalism and can encourage other property crimes. Therefore, you should make repairs and remove graffiti. Your quick response shows that you care about your property and won't tolerate its defacement.
- **Share information** - Ask other business owners in your area if they have experienced acts of vandalism and share the information you collect with other businesses.
- **Contact your local police department**- Report all vandalism to your local police department via phone or using the online reporting system. When your local police are aware, additional patrols can be implemented around those areas and/or streets.