

What is a Tagger?

A “tagger” is someone who adopts a unique nickname, “moniker”, or “tag” and then puts his nickname on objects in the form of graffiti. Graffiti is a crime and you as parents may be financially responsible for the damages your child causes.



How Do I Know if My Teen May Be a Tagger?

- * Adopts a individual moniker or tag (nickname)
- * Is between the ages of 13-21 years old.
- * Stays out late at night and early morning. (Taggers tag between 12am and 6 am)
- * Wears loose or baggy clothing or hooded sweatshirts which can be used to hold and conceal paint cans or carry graffiti tools.
- * Is in possession of graffiti paraphernalia (i.e., rocks, glass cutters, and screwdrivers), self-adhesive stickers of any kind, self-



adhesive lettering or numbers, postal stickers, graffiti magazines, and a notebook that has samples of their tag.. The law says that spray paint may only be purchased by individuals 18 years of age and up- your teen’s possession of spray paint, markers, or stickers is a red-flag warning.



* Doodles graffiti on personal items such as clothing, bedroom furniture, binders, backpacks, school books, skateboards and on underside of the bill of a baseball hat.



- * Has paint on the tips of his/her fingers, permanent marker stains on his/her hands or has gloves.
- * Associates with other kids with the traits described.

BE AWARE!!!!

- * Kids purchase graffiti paraphernalia from the Internet or have older siblings or friends make their purchases.
- * Kids post their graffiti activities to the Internet and talk about activities in text messages or emails.



Tips for Parents

1. Know your child’s friends!
2. Know what your child is doing with their time, and verify where they are.
3. Encourage your child to participate in positive after-school activities.
4. Talk to you child about the negative consequences of tagging.
5. Ensure your child obeys the Curfew Ordinance. The City’s Curfew Ordinance states that minors under the age of 18 may not be out in a public place after 10pm...unless coming or going from a City- or-school sanctioned event, or accompanied by a parent or guardian.
6. Be knowledgeable about taggers, and confront your child about the issue, if necessary. Stop them before serious trouble can get started. Graffiti can lead to violence and other criminal activity.

