

What is Graffiti?

Vandalism

- Usually ethnic/religious/sexual slurs randomly placed on property.
- Also includes “innocent” painting such as cartoon characters, Class of '07, Suzie luvs Jonnie, or God Loves You.



Tagging

- Done by *taggers*, who paint their names or initials.
- Sometimes referred to as *frustrated artists* because the *tag* is their artistic signature. They want to see their work all over the place.

* Most of the graffiti in Dallas is tagging



Gang-related

- Marks areas where gangs considered their turf
- Usually not harmful if residents abate gang graffiti.
- Graffiti often has a number included which are area codes or bus routes.

