



**Can You
Imagine
What Would
Happen If
This Sign
Weren't
There?**

**Or If
Someone
Covered Up
This Sign?**



Would You Spend \$1000 To Have One Of These Signs On Your Wall?



Stealing a traffic sign is a crime under Iowa law, and is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and a jail sentence of up to one year.

Any person caught with a sign in his or her possession is guilty of a misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of up to \$100, or a jail sentence of up to 30 days.

Is it worth it?

Or Would You Rather Spend a Year In Jail?

Some people think it's fun to take a pot shot at a highway sign during hunting season, or to cover highway signs with spray paint. But sign vandalism is no joke. It's a crime.

Defacing, damaging or removing a highway sign is punishable by a fine up to \$1,000 or a year in jail.

But that's not the worst thing that can happen. The worst thing is someone getting hurt, or even killed because a highway sign has been vandalized.



SIGN VANDALISM



Sign Vandalism Costs More Than Money, It Costs Lives!

This accident occurred at a location where a vandal had willfully and deliberately destroyed the stop sign.

Every year in Iowa, hundreds of highway signs are stolen or defaced by vandals. It costs Iowa taxpayers over \$1,000,000 per year to replace all those stolen or defaced signs.

Sign vandalism is everybody's problem.



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You Could Save Someone's Life!

What can you do if you see a sign that has been knocked over or is missing?

Report it to the police department, sheriff's office or highway patrol, giving the exact location and type of sign.

You could help prevent an accident.

STOP Sign Vandalism

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