Wikipedia:Vandalism on Wikipedia

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Types of vandalism

Vandalism takes many forms, including:

- Blanking pages or sections of pages
- Adding obscenity, profanity, or offensive material
- Adding false information
- Adding spam links
- Adding nonsense
- Adding libelous material
- Adding copyrighted material
- Adding personal attacks
- Adding gibberish
- Adding random letters
- Adding random numbers
- Adding random symbols
- Adding random emoticons
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