


A person is seen from behind, riding a skateboard on a concrete sidewalk. They are wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans, and brown sneakers. A shadow of the person is cast onto the sidewalk. To the right of the person is a dark asphalt road with yellow lane markings. The text "In defense of the skateboard" is overlaid in the center-right of the image.

In defense of the skateboard

A blurred city street scene, likely in New York City, featuring a yellow taxi in the foreground and a brick building in the background. The image is used as a background for a text overlay.

***There are 11 million people who skateboard
Skateboarding is a \$4.8 billion dollar industry.***

It has been estimated that there are over 5,000 tricks, including:

100 Grind tricks

100-200 Flip Tricks

Countless Freestyle tricks





**“If your city doesn’t have
a skater park,
it is one.”**

~Joseph LaPolla

Is it illegal to skateboard?!

Destruction of property

Trespassing

Injury liability

Jaywalking

Public safety laws

Recklessness



A skateboarder is captured in mid-air, performing a trick on a concrete ledge at a skate park. The skateboarder is wearing a dark t-shirt, light-colored pants, and colorful socks. The background shows a typical skate park setting with ramps, rails, and a clear blue sky. The text "Consequences can be severe" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Consequences can be severe

\$50-\$500 Fines

Confiscation of your board

You can even be **arrested**

Skate parks offer a safe place to build a skating community



There are only 500 skateparks in the U.S.

**Encourage creativity, and perseverance
Support your community and build
more skateparks**





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