

GANG AWARENESS AND

PREVENTION

In an effort to keep you informed on gang culture and activity, we are providing you with this brochure on gang recognition. It is our hope that by providing you with this information, that you will be able to more easily recognize the various types of gangs. If you become aware of a situation or you recognize gang activity, it is imperative that you notify your local police department. If you notice that your child is dressing in gang colors, drawing gang signs, or is withdrawing from the family, make sure to discuss this with your child's school.

WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?

- Know your children's friends.
- Know about who and what influences your kids.
- Know what your children are doing at all times.
- Become involved with them and occupy their time.
- Do not allow gang dress.
- Learn about gangs and drugs.
- Participate in your child's education.
- Get involved in community affairs.
- Set the example for your children.
- Be very suspicious of gang writing.
- Be aware that girls and boys as young as nine years old can be recruited by a gang.
- Encourage anti-gang attitudes at home.
- Again, spend time with them.

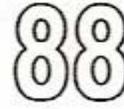
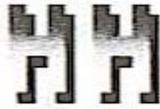
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GANG TOPICS

Websites that are offering timely information, sharing resources, contact, publications.

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE <http://www.njsp.org>
<http://www.njgangfree.org>
<http://www.gangsor.us.com>
<http://www.streetgangs.com>

HATE GROUPS

Crimes motivated by hate and bias are becoming very common in New Jersey. Hate groups attack people based on race, religion, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation, handicap, or gender.



HH means Heil Hitler; 88 means HH



**Aryan
Brotherhood**



Nazi 'Iron Eagle'



Swastika



**Iron
Cross**

COLORS

Different colors are worn to represent which gang they are in. Here are some of the most common gangs and their colors:

Bloods	Red, Black, Green, and Tan/Brown
Crips	Blue
Hell's Angels	Red
<i>(Out Law Motor Gang)</i>	
Latin Kings	Gold, Black, Red
Mara Salvatrucha	Blue and White
<i>(MS 13 El Salvador Gang)</i>	
Netas	White, Black, Red
Pagans MC	Red, White, Blue
<i>(Out Law Motor Gang)</i>	

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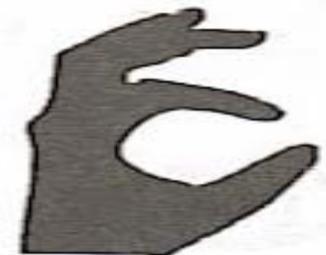
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PARENTS GUIDE TO STREET GANGS



'blood' sign



Crips hand sign

INTRODUCTION TO GANGS: KNOW THE SIGNS.

Gangs used to only be found in big cities, now they are invading communities of all sizes. Gangs bring negativity, fear, and destruction to our neighborhoods. Gangs distract kids from school and their families. Gang members want to be seen as different from others and want others to perceive them as a distinct group.

Identifying Someone in a Gang

Attitude– Gang members display disinterest in family and social functions.

They stop hanging out with old friends and replace them with new friends who have gang ties.

Behavior– Members of gangs tend to act tough and arrogant. They tend to be very secretive and become very paranoid. Most gang members are also associated with some type of drug involvement.

Clothing– Gang members today represent their connection with gangs. They use discreet signs. This sign could be shown in a pair of shoelaces or a baseball hat with certain colors to represent a gang. Designer clothing is another way of showing who they are. i.e., Calvin Klein clothing is worn by the Bloods because to them the CK stands for “Crip Killer”.

Appearance– Most gang members share the same hair colors, hair styles, shaving habits, or lack of grooming. Members may shave their eye brows, their head, or beards a certain way. Gang members may dress either to the left or right (i.e. pant leg rolled up, bandana on one side, barrettes or jewelry on one side).

SOME SYMBOLS

CRIPS



Pitchfork, Heart with Wings, 6 Point Star and number 6 show the Crip's Folk Nation affiliation.

BLOODS



5 Pt Star and # 5 signify the Bloods affiliation with People Nation

3 Burn marks that form a paw print

031

031 means "I have love for you, blood!"

THREE GOALS THAT PARENTS SHOULD SEEK TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF GANGS.

1. RAISE YOUR GANG AWARENESS LEVEL.

Parents need to recognize signs of gang involvement and fads their children may follow that reflect gang activities. Mothers and fathers should realize gangs have a very strong and constant attraction to children.

2. SUPERVISE YOUR CHILDREN. Our kids want, need, and expect clear limits on their activities. So do the right thing and set them, right along with reasonable consequences for violations. Most importantly, make the call and stick to your decision. Know your child's friends and what he/she is doing with them.

3. GET INVOLVED. Do you know your neighbors two or three houses down from you? Take an active interest in your child's school. Get to know the teachers. Participating in your child's activities and interests will be time invested in his/her future.

GRAFFITI

As gang activity increases, so does their graffiti. Graffiti has been called “newspaper of the streets.” Each gang has unique symbols and cryptic writing. Graffiti is not art work, it is sophisticated communication that publicizes the gang's power, status, delineates territory, sends messages, and warns intruders. Graffiti upside down or crossed out is generally a ‘put down’ or threat to a rival gang.

WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT GANG GRAFFITI?

Notify your local police department if you see any graffiti that is gang related.

