

Early Signs of Gang Involvement

1. Change in clothing pattern with preference toward a particular color, sports, or team logo.
2. Hat tilted to one side, ear-ring same side, belt buckle, cloth, key chain, all left/right side.
3. Use of hand signals/sign as alternate forms of communication
4. Tattoos/Braiding with distinctive designs
5. Withdrawal from family functions
6. Change to friends with bad influence.
7. Frequently out late and breaks curfew

8. Influenced by Gangster Rap music
 9. Unexplained cash, cars, jewelry, clothing
 10. Drug and/or alcohol abuse
 11. Abrupt changes in personality/ behavior
 12. Use of a street name
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the definition of a gang?

A. Three or more persons involved in criminal activity that causes fear and intimidation in the community.

Q. Why do people join gangs?

A. People join gangs so they can belong to a family. Many kids come from broken or one family homes. Gangs become their families.

Q. Where do gangs recruit from?

A. The number one recruiting ground is school. Then shopping malls, arcades, movie theaters, and amusement parks.

Q. Who joins gangs?

A. Both males and females from all neighborhoods, races, cultures, religions, and economic levels are affiliated with gangs

Q. What type of criminal activities are gangs involved in?

A. Gangs are involved in drugs, murder, prostitution, extortion, robberies, burglaries, weapons possession, and rape.

Q. How can I identify a gang member?

A. By clothing, tattoos, prominent colors, and type of criminal activity.

Q. What do gang hand signs, tattoos and graffiti look like?

A. Go to the City of Newburgh Police Departments website.
www.newburgh-ny.com/police

Four R's of Graffiti

1. Read It
2. Record It
3. Report It
4. Remove It



What Can I do as a Parent?

- Spend time with your children
- Talk and listen to your child
- You can educate them about the costs and dangers of gang involvement
- Be aware of and do not permit gang identifiers
- Do not permit children to sponsor or attend unsupervised parties
- Stress the importance of school and grades
- Establish rules, set limits, and be consistent, firm and fair in punishment.