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WHAT IS A GANG?

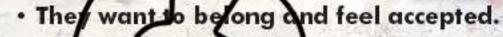
A gang is a group who claim a territory within a community and carry out illegal and violent activities, like selling drugs or burglary.

HOW DO YOU TELL IF SOMEONE IS IN A GANG?

They Might:

- · Start hanging out with a new group of friends.
- Show a change in personality or behavior.
- · Carry weapons, like guns or knives.
- · Withdraw from family or friends.
- Get tattoos, wear jewelry or clothing that identifie a particular gang.





- They think they will become famous, rich, and powerful.
- They want protection.
- · They bored.



Gang members:

- Usually have to go through an initiation, like committing a violent crime, to join the gang.
- Are told what to think and do they lose their individuality.
- Make lots of enemies.
- · Are more likely to be injured, use drogs, or end up in jail.
- Don't make money from gang activities.





GANGS USE THREATS AND VIOLENCE TO CONTROL MEMBERS AND KEEP THEM IN THE BANG.





Think for yourself and believe in yourself.

- Use your common sense.
- Avoid known gang members and areas where gangs hang out.
- Say "no" if someone asks you to join a gang.
- Talk with trusted adults if someone you know is in a gang.
- Don't spend time with people who pressure you or make you feel uncomfortable.

