

Guns and Gangs in Calgary

A message from the Federation of Calgary Communities



Here is some information from the Guns and Gangs unit at the Calgary Police Service:

- The Criminal Code doesn't include the word 'gang.' What many would say is a gang is referred to in the Criminal Code as a 'criminal organization.' Criminal organizations (or gangs) are basically any group of three or more people that work together on an ongoing basis to profit from serious criminal activity.
- The Criminal Code basically states that any criminal related gang activity is illegal. This charge can mean anywhere between five years to life in prison.
- Generally, gangs in Calgary don't wear uniforms or specific identifying colours. They operate citywide, in every community.
- Graffiti in Calgary is typically not gang related.
- Gangs often make money by drug trafficking. They will also seek to profit from other means such as theft, fraud, cybercrime, prostitution, credit card skimming, identity theft and other illicit activities.
- The Calgary Police Service (CPS) is committed to identifying, investigating, disrupting and prosecuting gang-related criminal activity, and to combating gang-related violence. CPS gang strategy includes public education.
- If you have a gang-related question or concern leave a message for the Gang Helpline at 403-428-8191, or email CPSGrip@calgarypolice.ca. You can also visit the GRIP website: CPSGRIP.com

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