# S-3: Gang Signs, Symbols, Signals, Words, and Conduct Prohibited

## REFERENCES
- Board Policy S-3
- Board Policy S-3: Administrative Procedures

## GANG NAMES, ALLIANCES, SIGNS, SYMBOLS, AND IDENTIFIERS
### Hispanic Gangs

**Norteños:**
- RPN-Rose Park Norteños
- VI (Vee-One)/ 6th Street
- MLB-Mexican Latino Bloods
- FVL-Familia Vatos Locos
- FPS-Familia Por Siempre
- Porterville Norteños
- 27th Mafiosos
- Diamond Street
- 21st Street

**Sureños:**
- CAM-Crazy [] Mexicans
- Avenues (or Avenues 43rd)
- Mexican Mafia (213)
- VML-Varios Mexicanos Locos
- VMS-Vilianos Mexicanos Sureños
- VSK-Venomous Sureños Klique
- CLK-Crown Latin Kings
- TVR-Toonerville Rascals
- Sureños 13
- 38th Street
- 18th Street
- Florencia 13
- ABG-Alley Boy Gangsters
- Dog Town Sureños
- LP-La Primera
- T13-Tepa 13
- Sureños Chiques
- Colonia Chiques
- SPV-Sureños Por Vida
- Brown Side Gang
- East Side Longo

The **Norteños** and the **Sureños** are rival gangs.

### Blood/Crip Gangs

**Bloods:**
- Rose Park Taliban/Iraqi Mafia Gang
- POG-Piru Original Gangsters
- BMG-Black Mafia Gangsters
- KTB-Kearns Town Bloods
- West Side Piru
- MOB-Money Over [Women]

**Crips (White):**
- SLP-Salt Lake Posse
- Lay Low Crips
- West Side Crips

**Crips (Samoan):**
- PVC (PVCC)-Park Village (Compton)
- SIA-Samoans in Action
- SOS-Sons of Samoa
- KAS-Krazy [] Samoans

The **Bloods** and the **Crips** are rival gangs.

### Blood/Crip Gangs

**Crips (Tongan):**
- TCG-Tongan Crip Gang
- TSG-Tongan Style Gang
- BR-Baby Regulators
- RPF-Rose Park Family (Rose Park)

**Asian Gangs**
- TOP-Tiny Oriental Posse
- VF-Viet Family
- TRG-Tiny Raskal Gang

The **Asian gangs** noted in separate columns are rival gangs.

**Asian Gangs**
- OLG-Oriental Laotian Gang
- LBC-Laos Boy Crips (independent)
- AD-Asian Deuce ) unaligned-younger version of VF

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Local Midwest-Influenced Gangs
Folks:
KMD-King Mafia Disciples
Black Gangster Disciples
Gangster Disciples

People:
Latin Kings
Vice Lords

The Folks and the People are rival gangs.

White Supremacists
SAW-Silent Aryan Warriors
American Peckerwood
SAV-Silents Aryan Warriors

4R-4th Reich
KV-Krieger Verwandt

Extremist Gangs
SXE-Straight Edge
Juggalos
Young African Killers

Aryan Culture

Gang Identifiers

“All is well.”

“All is one.”

Dress “left”

BLOODS
LATIN KINGS
VICE LORDS

Dress “right”

CRIPS
GANGSTER DISCIPLES
Bloods and Piru – Identifiers:
- Colors **Red** (primary)
- Also burgundy, green, brown, tan
- May dress “right”
- Letter “B” or “UBN”
- Word “damu”
- Number 031 (“I am blood”)
- Boston Red Sox hats
- Local sets use other letters
- Tattoos – blud or MOB are common
- Five-pointed star
- Pitchforks “down”
- Cross out letter “C”
- Replace “C” with “B” (i.e. class becomes blass)
- Associated with People Nation
- Turf-oriented, active in drug traffic
- Piru is a subset of Bloods
- Graffiti includes “CK” or “Crab”

Crips – Identifiers:
- Color **Blue** (primary)
- Also, light blue, gray, white, purple
- May dress “left”
- Letter “C”
- Six-pointed star
- Number 6
- “Sox” hats
- Pitchforks “up”
- Don’t write “CK” (i.e. back or bak, not back)
- Use “slob” or “sloop” as a put-down for Bloods
- Graffiti includes “BK”

Black Gangster Disciples – Identifiers:
- Colors **Black** and **Blue**
- Also grey, white
- Letters “BGD”, “GD”, or “G”
- Pitchforks “up”
- Associated with Folk Nation
- Six-point stars
- Numbers 360, 274 or 74
- Pitchfork hand signs
Vice Lords – Identifiers:
- Colors Red and Black
- Five-point stars
- Numbers 5 and 3-22-12
- Letters VL, AVLN, VLN, CVL
- Pyramid with eye above, top hat and cane
- Five-point crown
- Playboy bunny facing left
- UNLV team wear
- Louis Vitton brand (VL)
- “Conservative Vice Lords”
- People Nation affiliation

Sureños – Identifiers:
- Sureño (Southerners) gang is an “umbrella”
- Associated with the Mexican Mafia
- Local gangsters are “foot soldiers”
- Local gangs pay taxes to La Eme (prison gang)
- Color Blue
- Number 13 or X3 or XIII
- Words "south" or “sur”
- “Trece” and 3 dots
- Letter “M” or “S”
- Eyebrow slashes

Norteños – Identifiers:
- Norteños (Northerners) identify strongly with Mexican heritage
- Associated with Nuertra Familia prison gang
- Color Red
- Number 14 or XIV
- Letter “N”
- “Norte”
- Huelga Bird, UNLV attire, NorCal references
- Cross out letter “S”

Latin Kings – Identifiers:
- Almighty Latin Kings/Queens Nation
- Originally Puerto Rican gang
- Associated with People Nation
- Colors Yellow (Gold) and Black
- 5-pointed crown, Lion’s Head, Number 5
- 5-pointed star, Number 360
- Pitchforks down
- ALKN or ALQN
- “Amor de rey”
Asian Gangs – Identifiers:
- Usually ethnically restricted
- Highly mobile (nomadic)
- Not turf-oriented
- Colors Green, Black, Blue, Red, Purple
- Cultural tattoos, 5-dot tattoos
- Burns, intentional scars
- Oakland A’s hats

Juggalos (Juggalettes) – Identifiers:
- Followers of rap group ‘Insane Clown Posse’
- Known for dark and violent lyrics
- Promote use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco
- Promote promiscuity
- Do not see themselves as a ‘gang’
- Little group structure
- Known to carry weapons
- “Hatchet man”
- Known for face paint

Straight Edge – Identifiers:
- Associated with hardcore punk rock
- Associated with anarchy
- Do not use drugs, alcohol, or tobacco
- Not a ‘gang’, but may fit the definition
- Have engaged in criminal activity with ELF and ALF
- Violence of followers has diminished
- Likely vegan
- Letter “X” or “XXX”
- Piercings and spike bracelets

Extremist Gangs and Groups
Skinheads – Identifiers:
- White supremacist group
- Neo-nazi, Anti-gay, Anti-immigrant
- Anti-drug use
- Widespread in US
- Militaristic, anarchist
- Violent, assaultive
- Actively recruit Caucasian “loners”
- Raise children in the culture
- Shaved heads or short haircuts
- Swastikas
- Confederate flag
- Air Force flight jackets
- Braces and boots
- Lightning bolts
- Numbers 88 or 1488
COLORS

Colors are often used by gangs as a means of identifying themselves and their rivals. Gang members may wear just a belt or shoelaces in his gang’s colors. S/he may “dress down” with a coat, shirt, shoes, and hat in gang colors. A bandana in gang colors is often hung from a pocket or around the head to “fly one’s colors”.

**BLUE**

- Punchito Crip Gang
- PVCC - Park Village Compton Crips
- RPF - Rose Park Family
- SIA - Samoans in Action
- SOS - Sons of Samoa
- DSK - Doin’ Something Krazy
- TCG - Tongan Crip Gangsters
- TCR - Tongan Crip Regulators
- DTC - Doomstown Crips
- Locoville Crips
- Surenos 18th Street
- Surenos Avenues
- Surenos Ultimate Desire Boys
- Surenos Gardenia 13
- Surenos 13
- Surenos 38
- Surenos Varios Mexicanos Locos
- Surenos Alley Boys
- Surenos Chiques
- Surenos Florencia
- Vilanos Mexicanos Sureños
- Westside Crips
- OLG - Original Laotian Gangsters
- OP - Oriental Poss

**RED**

- BMG - Black Mafia Gangsters
- KTB - Kearns Town Bloods (55th St.)
- North Side Piru/West Side Piru
- 801 Piru
- 3rd World Piru
- POG - Piru Original Gangster
- Big Town Piru
- Bounty Hunter Blood
- Dead Mafia Bloods
- 8 Ball Posse
- Tiny Oriental Posse
- FPS - Familia Por Sempre
- 209
- MLB - Mexican Latino Bloods
- AMG - Armenian Mafia Gangsters

**PURPLE**

- KMG - King Mafia Disciples
- BMG - Black Mafia Gangsters

**YELLOW**

- OBS – Oriental Boys Society
- some Oriental gangs
- some White Supremacist groups

**GREEN**

- La Raza
- Boys in the Hood
- VLT - Varrio Loco Town
- Dope Boy Posse

**BROWN**

- Brown Brotherhood
- QVO
- Big [Male] Gang/Big West Side
- FPSC – Familia Por Sempre
- Cesnor

**WHITE or BLUE**

- OLG - Original Laotian Gangsters
- OP - Oriental Posse
- VH - Viet Hung
- Laos Boys

**BLACK**

- Diamond Street
- 21st Street

**TAGGING**

I. Tagger crews primarily do graffiti and are not part of a street gang, though some do carry weapons. They usually consist of no more than three individuals who are more interested in street art than violent criminal activities. Taggers are the predominant source of graffiti within Salt Lake County. They typically will not cross out the graffiti of other tagging crews or street gangs. “Battles” or wars, waged between groups of taggers, can create thousands of dollars worth of damage in a single night as tagging crews compete to put up the most graffiti.
A. Taggers should not be confronted. If possible, obtain information (i.e. clothing, car description, license plate number, etc.) on the culprits unobtrusively and pass it on to law enforcement.

B. Parents of taggers may find sketch books containing practice art, various types of aerosol spray paint cans, surgical gloves, loose spray can tips, larger markers, stickers, or photographs and video of graffiti. Youth involved in tagging may have paint or marker on their hands, under their fingernails, or on their clothes.

GRAFFITI

II. Graffiti is used by gangs to claim territory, to make threats, and to challenge rival gangs. When gang members write graffiti in a neighborhood, they are making a statement that the neighborhood belongs to them, to show their loyalty to a gang, or to enhance the reputation of the gang.

A. Graffiti falls into two categories:
   1. Graffiti that contains gang names reflects rivalries between gangs (TCG, SUR, CHI, AVES, OLG, VLT, LLC, KTB, or QVO); and
   2. Graffiti may contain numbers (i.e. 13, 14, 17, 33, 18, or 38) or threats (i.e. CK-Crip Killer, BK, DK, AK, QK, or 187-a threat to kill).

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