

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

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

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

Independent Hispanic Gangs:

BDG-Big [Male] Gang
VLT-Varrio Loco Town
O13-Ogden 13
QVO
La Raza
East Side Raskals
East Side Locotes

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

Crips (Tongan):

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

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

Asian Gangs

TOP-Tiny Oriental Posse
VF-Viet Family
TRG-Tiny Raskal Gang

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

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

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
SAC-Soldiers of the Aryan Culture

4R-4th Reich
KV-Krieger Verwandt
Aryan Brotherhood

Extremist Gangs

SXE-Straight Edge
Juggalos
Young African Killers

Gang Identifiers

"All is well."



Dress "left"

**BLOODS
LATIN KINGS
VICE LORDS**

"All is one."



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"



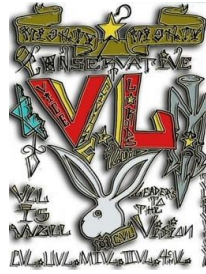
Black Gangster Disciples – Identifiers:

- 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
Vilianos Mexicanos Sureños
Westside Crips
OLG - Original Laotian Gangsters
OP - Oriental Poss

PURPLE

KMG - King Mafia Disciples
BMG - Black Mafia Gangsters

GREEN

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

WHITE or BLUE

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

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 Seimpre
209
MLB - Mexican Latino Bloods
AMG - Armenian Mafia Gangsters

*Some Hispanic gangs choose professional sport's team logos like the LA Rapiers, Kings, Bulls, etc. Dark clothing seems to be popular with most Hispanic gangs, although some Hispanic gangs on Salt Lake City's northwest side claim to be "nortenos" and claim red as their color. Some gangs will wear black as a neutral color.

YELLOW

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

BROWN

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

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).
 - 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.