

Local Chelan/Douglas County Gangs

Sureños:



A California-origin street gang associated with the Mexican Mafia prison gang. Rivals with Norteños.

- Blue bandanas and blue clothing
- LA Dodgers and other LA apparel
- Letter S, Sur, Sur13, Uno Tres, Trece, 3-dots, two stacked lines with 3 dots on top, M, upside down N or crossed out N
- Number 13, X3 or X III

Affiliated local gangs:

- South Side Locos (SSL or SSL 13)
- Brick City 13 (BC13)
- Tiny Loco Sureños (TLS)
- Party Boys



Norteños:

A California-origin street gang associated with the Nuestra Familia prison gang. Rivals with Sureños.

- Red bandanas and red clothing
- San Francisco 49rs, KC Chiefs, Cincinnati Reds
- Letter N, NS, Northside, Norte, Crossed out letter S or \$
- Number 14, 4 dots, two horizontal lines with 4 dots on top
- Huelga bird/Aztec Eagle

Common Gang Identifiers

Gangs use colors, clothing, numbers and symbols to identify members of their group and communicate their membership to others.

Clothing Styles and Colors:

- Over-sized pants worn below the waist (Sagging)
- Color bandanas, belts, shoes
- Team logos

Graffiti and Artwork:

- Symbols, colors, and numbers
- “tag” their personal belongings with gang symbols
- The Old English Style of writing

Symbols and Numbers:

- Certain numbers and symbols that represent their gang, set, or clique
- Symbols include: stars, Playboy bunnies, crowns, etc.

Hand Signs:

- Gangs use hand signs to show loyalty to a gang and to challenge or disrespect rival gang members



Understanding Youth Gangs in Chelan & Douglas County

A guide to help parents and students recognize and prevent gang involvement in your family, home, school, and community.



Why Do Kids Join Gangs?

Some kids and teens are motivated to join a gang for a sense of connection or to define a new sense of who they are. Others are motivated by peer pressure, a need to protect themselves and their family, because a family member is also in a gang, to make money, or to get attention that they are not getting at home or elsewhere. Kids might be running away from something such as a parent's divorce, being abused at home, in need of money, food, or just a sense of belonging.

Resources

- East Wenatchee Police Department
 - (509) 884-9511
- Wenatchee Police Department
 - (509) 663-9911
- Eastmont School District Supports
 - Building Administrators
 - Counselors/Social Workers
 - Graduation Specialists
- Parents' Guide to Gangs:
<https://nationalgangcenter.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh331/files/media/document/Parents-Guide-to-Gangs.pdf>
- Gangs in School:
<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/school-safety-center/school-safety-security-related-rcws-wacs/gangs-schools>

What Can A Parent Do?

BE INVOLVED WITH YOUR CHILD/YOUTH!

- Spend time with your child and show an interest in them.
- Care about their school work and their extra-curricular activities such as sports.
- Look in your child's room- It is okay to be curious if you're concerned about them, look for gang related items
- Know and meet your child's friends and parents/guardians and family
- Set LIMITS such as
 - Curfews
 - Going out only with friends you have met
- Eat meals together (simple but can make a big difference)
- Plan family time

BE AWARE OF YOUR CHILD/YOUTH'S SOCIAL MEDIA USE.

- Look at their apps (Snapchat, Instagram)
- Are they sharing/posting videos and photos of inappropriate or criminal activities (photos of weapons)
- Colored red or blue circular symbols within usernames or "bios"
- Usernames with 509
- Graffiti/Old English font narrations on photos
- Group link tree hyperlinks that take you to a group chat
- Second spam/burner accounts

Behaviors Associated with Gang Involvement

Youth who are involved in gangs may exhibit changes in behavior, such as mood swings, different dressing, acting in a different way, etc.

Negative Behavioral Changes:

- Withdrawing from family activities
- Increased school problems
 - Truancy
 - Skipping
 - Disrespecting school authority
 - Declining school performance
- Staying out late with no reason
- Disrespecting parents, adults, police

Additional Behavioral Warning Signs:

- Interest in gang-influenced music or movies
- Unusual interest in one or two colors of clothing or a particular brand or logo
- Drawings gang symbols
- Hanging out with peer groups with same color clothing, gang symbols on clothes, notebooks, etc.
- Unusual hand signals
- Possessions of weapons
 - Knife
 - Firearms
- In possession of goods such as
 - Clothing
 - Latest technology
 - Cash
 - Hats
 - Jewelry
- Injuries
 - Injuries to hands
 - Injuries to knuckles
 - Black eye