GANGS AND GROUPS

If you're worried about gangs it can be difficult to know what to do to help protect young people. Whether they are thinking about joining a gang, are already involved or want to leave, they need help and support.

Children and young people with, or on the edges of gangs with weapons gangs might be victims of violence or they might be pressured into doing things like stealing or carrying drugs or weapons. They might be abused, or put into dangerous situations.

For lots of young people, being part of a gang makes them feel part of a family so they might not want to leave. Even if they do, leaving or attempting to leave can be a really scary idea. They might be frightened about what will happen to them, their friends or their family if they leave.

Children the age of 10 or over can be arrested for carrying around weapons such as guns, knife and

dangerous things like that. Gang members bribe you by buying you things like the latest phones, clothes or trainers it's their way of getting you to join their gang so never fall for their trick.

If someone is bullying or hurting you or forcing you to do something bad or illegal make sure to contact or call childline or NSPCC straight away. They will help you by giving you tips of how to avoid those type of people.



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