

GANGS AND GROUPS

How do gangs affect families?

One of the worst effects of a gang membership is the exposure to violence, some children and young people join gangs.



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Under duress

Children are targeted by gangs and may be intimidated to do things which are morally wrong. They are also made to carry ammunition which may land them in trouble with the police if they are seen.

Why do people join gangs?



Young people join gangs for lots of different reasons. Some of these included:

- Fitting in with friends and other gang members
- Having the same interest as other people.
- Feeling respected and held in esteem.
- To be protected from other gangs and conflict.
- Making money from drugs or crime
- Gaining status and feeling powerful

