

the gang related look

Children and teenagers who dress in clothing resembling gang attire may be showing an interest in gangs and may attract the attention of gang members and this could put them in danger. In recent years, children have been shot or killed by gangs simply for looking like a gang member. For the safety of your children, it is very important that you do not buy or allow your children to wear any items that gang members use to identify with a gang. Some of the current and traditional gang clothing and styles that gang members use to identify are listed below:

Baseball caps with the initials of the gang, or other drawings/insignias that represent gang activity, i.e. "South side", "Sur", "805", and "West Coast." New York Yankees caps used by Nipomo youth who are gang involved.

Khaki pants/Pendleton plaid shirts.
White oversized T-shirt or polo shirt.
White sleeveless undershirts.

Oversized hooded sweatshirts with the hood up on warm days.

An **obsession** or increase in the buying or wearing of **one** particular color or colors (**blue** or **red**).

A **predominance** of dark or dull clothing, or clothing of **one** particular color.

cloth belt with chrome or silver belt-buckle with gang initial(s), i.e. "O", for oceano or "N", for nipomo or numbers "13," or "14". belt buckles with "S", for southside or sureno or "N" for northerner or norteno.

females

Heavy make-up, dark excessive eye shadow, shaved eyebrows, dark lipstick, dark finger nail polish.
writing or tattoos on skin of gang names and symbols.

Black oversized jackets, hooded sweatshirts with hood up on warm days.

cloth belts with chrome or silver belt buckles with gang initials.

Tank tops revealing or blouses.

Dark jackets or sweatshirts with lettering *cursive or old english style*

Black or dark clothing and shoes.

long shorts worn with knee-high socks.

a shaved, bald head or extremely short hair. Signs or symbols cut into eyebrows & hair.



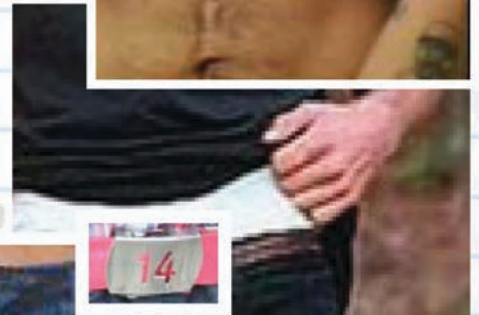
Burns or scars in the shape of particular signs or symbols.

Males

Gang tattoos that are professionally or hand-applied. 3 dots, Sur 13, Sur or Norte.



Wearing professional sport team jerseys and not a fan of the sport or team.



Extremely oversized pants and pants worn low, or "sagging," showing boxer underwear.



Disclaimer: Wearing this clothing and attire alone does not mean a child is a gang member, but, when viewed with other combined factors like gang related tattoos and gang associated drawings on school work, could be indicative of gang association/behavior.



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