

GANG INJUNCTIONS



The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department remains committed to implementing a comprehensive strategy against criminal street gangs.

The Sheriff's Department has partnered with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to implement civil gang injunctions against criminal street gangs.

Civil gang injunctions are a proven resource for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors and have successfully reduced gang related crime and aided in preventing gangs from controlling and terrorizing communities. Once implemented, gang injunctions provide further relief to communities from the constant street presence of gang members and allow intervention and prevention programs to work.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department encourages anyone seeking help getting out of the gang lifestyle to contact any deputy, or call your local Sheriff's Station.

What is a gang Injunction?

A "Gang Injunction" is a court order issued from a civil court which is directed at a criminal street gang that engages in a pattern of criminal gang activity. The purpose of a gang injunction is designed to eliminate gang activity, which is a public nuisance, caused by the targeted gang.

Who can be served?

Any person who has been identified as a gang member of an enjoined gang.

What areas are affected by the injunction?

Any areas accessible to the public that fall within the designated "Safety Zone".

What happens after I receive an injunction notice?

Any person who has been served with a Gang Injunction must abide by all the rules set forth in the service including not engaging in any activity set forth in the prohibitions.

How long will an injunction last?

A Gang Injunction is a permanent court order.

What will happen if I violate a condition of the gang injunction?

If a person is found in violation of a gang injunction order, that person will be arrested and charged with misdemeanor offense.

What if I believe I have been improperly served?

If you have been served with a gang injunction by a Deputy Sheriff, and believe you shouldn't have, contact the on-duty watch commander at the nearest sheriff station to request to be considered for removal. During the removal period, you are still subject to the gang injunction enforcement.

How do I get removed from a gang injunction?

To be eligible for removal from a Gang Injunction and exempt from enforcement, you must provide sufficient relevant and reliable information to positively confirm that:

1. You no longer are, or never were, a member of the enjoined gang; and
2. You are not now acting, and will not in the future act, to promote, further, or assist any of the activities prohibited by the Gang Injunction on behalf of the enjoined gang; and
3. You are not a member of any other criminal street gang.
4. You will be asked to complete a removal form which will require you to provide information about what you have done to remove yourself from the gang and what productive steps you have taken to become a respectable member of the community.

