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What is a gang?

According to the Criminal Code of Canada, a gang is an ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more individuals, whether formal or informal, which is involved in criminal activity or suspected criminal activity on a regular basis.

Most gangs in Calgary are made up of young adults (although gangs have been known to use elementary-aged children if it works to the gang's advantage).

Typically, Calgary gangs do not wear uniforms or colors. They do not have a particular area of the city they call their "turf" - they operate city-wide - in every community. If you see graffiti in your neighborhood it does not necessarily mean you have a gang problem. Generally, gangs do not "advertise" with graffiti.

The primary criminal activity gangs use to financially support themselves is selling drugs. Crack cocaine. MDMA. Ecstasy. Crystal Meth. Marijuana. Other crimes may involve credit card skimming and weapons-related offenses. The main reason gangs exist is to make money and maximize profits for established members. Gangs use violence to enhance their position and reputation to further their criminal enterprises.

What can parents do?

Whether you realize it or not, all children can be at risk to join gangs. As a parent, you have a lot more power than you think to prevent your children from joining gangs.

Good Social Skills

Children and teens who have good skills to deal with other people are less likely to join gangs or to be involved in negative behavior. To build self-confidence and respect for others in their children, parents need to teach:

Honest communication. Children need to learn to express feelings such as anger, joy, love and fear. They must believe it is okay for them to express these feelings without being teased or punished.

Cooperation. Children must learn to cooperate, negotiate, and put themselves in another person's shoes. Praise your children for cooperating, especially when they are able to work out a compromise.

Personal responsibility. Teach your children to be responsible for their actions. Let them know that even if they do not get something right at first, what counts is that they are trying hard and learning from the experience.

Ability to make decisions. Instead of solving problems for your children, give them the chance to think of possible solutions.

Ability to give and receive unconditional love. Love your children for who they are, regardless of how well they do in school, sports, or other activities. Even if you are angry with them, let them know you still love and respect them.

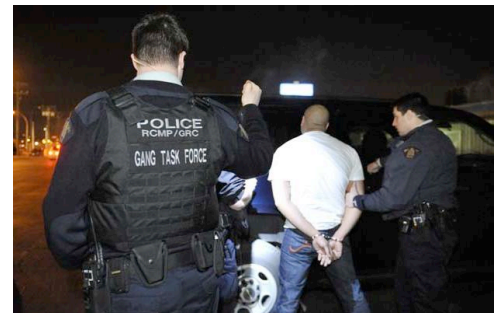
Calgary's Gang Strategy

The Calgary Police Service is committed to stopping the violence and preventing the criminal activities of gangs. We have developed The Organized Crime Operations Centre (OCOC) to coordinate the extensive resources required to tackle the gang problem head-on.

By exchanging intelligence, techniques and proven strategies with other North American cities that have successfully addressed gang crime and violence, the Calgary Police Service has introduced a comprehensive plan to suppress gang activity.

The Calgary Police Service's four-point gang strategy:

1. Education
2. Prevention
3. Disruption
4. Investigation



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Valentine's Day is a holiday that's all about you and the ones you love -- and your bird is no exception! Use this handy list of safety tips to make sure that your pet stays safe during your Valentine's Day festivities, and you'll be helping to make sure that the holiday is a safe and happy one for the whole family.

Chocolate and birds don't mix.

Chocolate and Valentine's Day go hand in hand, and the pretty packages that chocolate comes in this time of year can be especially appealing to those of the feathered persuasion. Since chocolate is known to be toxic to birds, it only makes sense to keep it out of your pet's reach.

Keep an eye on ribbons and bows.

While we're on the subject of pretty chocolate boxes, it's worth mentioning that other types of wrapping material, such as printed paper, bows, and tape, can pose a threat to your bird's safety. Inks or dyes used on any of these items can be potentially toxic, and packages decorated with ribbons or wire can become tangled in a bird's feet or wrapped around their

necks. Some types of adhesives and glues also contain zinc, which can be harmful to a bird's health.

Don't leave drinks unattended. Birds are every bit as curious as cats are, and they have been known to sneak drinks from abandoned glasses if they aren't properly supervised. Make sure that any alcoholic beverages are kept out of your bird's reach -- alcohol slows down organ function in birds, and is potentially fatal to your pet.

Keep your roses secured.

Most floral arrangements, whether or not they include poisonous flowers, are toxic to birds because of the many chemical sprays and dips that they endure before arriving at your home. Consider any floral arrangement poisonous to your pet and make sure that it is kept in a safe, bird-free location.

Monitor stress levels.

Holidays can be a pretty frightening time for our feathered friends, as they are often confronted with sights, sounds, and people

that they are not used to. If you are planning a large celebration this Valentine's Day, consider moving your pet to a low traffic location in your home. This can help your pet feel safer and more secure during your celebration, and has the added benefit of protecting your pet from people who don't understand the "rules" about living with birds. I once caught one of my guests trying to feed Oliver a spoonful of chocolate pudding at a gathering I hosted. I now avoid such issues by relocating my birds to a spare bedroom when I am expecting a fair amount of visitors.

Put these tips into practice, and you will greatly reduce the risk of harm to your bird during your celebrations. I wish a very safe and happy Valentine's Day to you and all of the ones you love -- and especially to the little feathered cupids that steal our hearts every day of the year.





Message From DOGS Management

The management team would like to thank all readers for taking the time to read the fourth edition of our newsletter.



We hope that this issue provided valuable information on our city and the gang division. Take the time this month to enjoy Valentines and spend time with your loved ones.

DOGS proudly announces the launch of its new website at www.dogs-security.com

The new website is designed to increase our commitment to providing quality services. Please take the time to visit our website and have all your friends and family sign up for our monthly newsletter.

At DOGS we believe in PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS rather than REACTIVE SOLUTIONS.

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