

## Learn about Gangs/Graffiti **GANG GRAFFITI**



**Gangs** can be organized around race or ethnic group, money-making activities, or territory.

**Most** gang members are male; they range in age from 8 to 22 years.

**Young** people give various reasons for joining gangs. Among the most common: to belong to a group, for protection, to earn money, for excitement, and to be with friends. For some, it's even a family tradition.

**Gangs** signal their existence and solidarity through clothing and head coverings, a special vocabulary, tattoos, hand signs, and tagging their territory with graffiti.

**"Gangsta"** rap paints a realistic picture of daily gang activity. The lyrics glorify violence, abuse of women, and disrespect for authority, especially the police. Its popularity among the young has helped spread the culture of gangs, cutting across class, economic, racial, and geographic lines.

### **Signs That Your Child Might Be In A Gang**

- Changes in type of friends
- Changes in dress habits, such as wearing the same color combination all the time
- Gang symbols on books or clothing
- Tattoos
- Secretiveness about activities
- Extra cash from unknown sources
- Carrying a weapon
- Declining interest in school or family
- Being arrested or detained by the police

***If you notice these patterns, get help!  
Contact a school counselor or the  
Buckeye Police Department.***

## Report Graffiti in Your Area **GOT GRAFFITI?**

The Town of Buckeye will paint over any graffiti painted on public property.

In an attempt to rid the Town of graffiti, the Town will also provide you with a non specific, neutral color paint to for your use to paint over graffiti on your personal property. Equipment may also be available for your use in painting over graffiti.

If your property has been "tagged" with graffiti, please contact our Suspicious Activity Hotline. The information will be forwarded to a Gang Intelligence Officer who will photograph and document the vandalism for you.

### **Suspicious Activity Hotline**

If you call the Buckeye Police Department's Suspicious Activity Hotline, you may remain anonymous. However, it would benefit the Detectives if you left a contact number so they can speak to you to obtain all the information needed to begin an investigation.

**Please leave the following information (if available) when calling:**

- Names and descriptions of people involved
- Addresses/phone numbers at location of suspected activity
- Drug type, if known
- Vehicle description/license plate
- Weapons involved
- Type of activity observed

### **Suspicious Activity Hotline Number**

# **(623) 693-4511**

**Buckeye Police Department**  
(623) 349-6400

**9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCY**



# HELP **STOP** CRIME

Assist the Buckeye Police Department  
by Reporting  
**SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**  
in Your Neighborhood

# **BUCKEYE** **POLICE**

***"Always Ready, Professional  
and Committed to the People  
we Serve!"***

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## Drug & Human Smuggling **STASH HOUSES**



Most drug stash houses are rental homes.

Stash house caretakers prefer homes with attached garages.

Yard is unkempt, although sometimes they will send someone to clean it up so as to not draw attention.

There is usually little, if any, furniture in the home.

Stash house occupants tend to keep to themselves and they will not normally be visible on a daily basis.

If the occupants are actually living at the stash house, they will not appear to hold a regular job, or have a "normal" pattern of lifestyle.

Different types of vehicles, especially vans and pickup trucks will enter and exit the garage at different hours of the day or night. (Quite often they prefer to work in the nighttime or early morning)

The vehicles arriving at the stash house will have different license plates on them, including Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico and temporary tags. They may also use these license plates interchangeably with all of the vehicles.



You may not see anyone at the stash house for several days or weeks and then there will be a lot of activity (as described above) at the house.

There may be an accumulation of advertisement material on the front door and/or trash in the home or yard.

NOTE: The presence of some or all of the indicators does not mean that the person is violating the law. The lack of "normalcy" is the best indicator that something is not right. Please call if you have any suspicions.

## Residential/Street Level **DRUG DEALING**

Do you have a neighbor who is;

- Home all Day?
- Doesn't have a Job?
- Owns More than the Average Working Person?
- Avoids personal contacts in the neighborhood?
- Has Vehicles and People Coming and Going at all Hours of the Day and Night?



If so, you may have an Illegal Drug Dealer operating in your neighborhood.



Same people always standing on the same street, alley, or parking lot meeting people in vehicles, on bicycle, or on foot near your home or business?

If so, these people could be selling illegal drugs.

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## Clandestine Laboratories **METH LABS**

A narcotics laboratory or production house is also frequently referred to as a clandestine drug laboratory or clan lab. These laboratories are mini chemical labs designed for one purpose: to make deadly, illegal drugs quickly and cheaply.



"Clan lab" chemists can produce LSD, synthetic heroin and other drugs, but their drug of choice is methamphetamine, commonly called speed or crank. A smokeable form of methamphetamine called ice,

glass or crystal is also produced.

Not only are these homemade drugs dangerous, but the labs that produce them can be located in any neighborhood and pose serious health and safety threats to the public. Toxic chemicals, explosions, fires, booby traps, armed criminals — any of these can mean disaster for the people who inadvertently stumble onto the labs.



Several signs that may indicate the presence of a clandestine laboratory are:

- Strong chemical odors.**
- High volumes of traffic to suspected location.**
- People coming outside only to smoke.**
- Chemical containers coming to and from the location.**