



Important Facts to Know About Gang Injunctions

The following are some important facts about gang injunctions:

- As of September 2013, in the City of Los Angeles there are 46 injunctions covering 79 gangs. This means that 20% of the City's estimated 400 gangs are currently subject to injunctions.
- A gang injunction is a civil court order that prohibits a gang and its members from conducting certain specified activities within a defined geographic area known as a "safety zone."
- Members of a gang under an injunction may be subject to prosecution if they are aware of and on notice of the injunction. Personal service of the court-ordered injunction and related paperwork are the most common form of notice.
- The civil court order declares the gang a public nuisance and prohibits certain activities.
- Common restrictions and prohibitions of the court ordered injunction include:
 - Do not associate with other gang members.
 - Do not use gang hand signs and/or wear gang colors and attire.
 - Do not use, possess, sell or transport illegal drugs.
 - Do not drink or possess alcohol.
 - Do not own, use or possess any dangerous or deadly weapons.
 - Do not commit graffiti/vandalism and/or possess graffiti/vandalism tools.
 - Do not intimidate, threaten or harass people.
- Many of the activities prohibited in the injunction are in and of themselves violations of the law.
- Violating the terms of the injunction, also known as contempt of court, is a criminal misdemeanor punishable by up to 6 months in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.
- Criminal prosecutors must prove the contempt of court charge beyond a reasonable doubt to a judge and jury.

For more information regarding gang injunctions, including the removal process and public safety outcomes, please visit the Los Angeles City Attorney's website at www.atty.lacity.org.