



GANG COMMUNICATION



Youth in gangs communicate in many secret ways, most commonly using coded hand gestures referred to as "stacking." This silent messaging involves rapid hand movements forming both letters and numbers. Youth can use "stacking" to show respect to brother gang members or to express disrespect to rival gangs.

A=	V	H=	h	N=	N	U=	U
B=	B	I=	i	O=	O	V=	V
C=	C	J=	J	P=	P	W=	W
D=	D	K=	K	Q=	Q	X=	X
E=	E	L=	L	R=	R	Y=	Y
F=	F	S=	S	T=	T	Z=	Z
G=	G	M=	M				

Another form of communication between gang members is the use of unique or coded alphabets specific to gang nations and sets.

BE PROACTIVE. IDENTIFY AND ELIMINATE GANG SIGNS EARLY IN YOUR FACILITIES.