

It is the Mission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to partner with the communities it serves in order to provide quality law enforcement services. In keeping with the goal to rid our neighborhoods of fear and crime, the Sheriff's Department and the City of Hawaiian Gardens are committed to fairly enforcing the gang injunction. It is important for everyone to understand that our intent is to rid the city of all gang activity and to prevent any further tragedies or loss of life caused by senseless criminal gang activity.

City of Hawaiian Gardens Gang Injunction

Frequently Asked Questions



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The City of Hawaiian Gardens and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have committed themselves to provide the safest environment for the residents in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. In an effort to maintain a safe and healthy city, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has been charged with the enforcement of a city-wide gang injunction.

A gang injunction is a court order issued from civil court aimed at a criminal street gang designed to eliminate the public nuisance caused by the gang in a designated "Safety Zone."

On March 7, 2008, the Court issued a permanent injunction against the criminal street gang **Varrio Hawaiian Gardens** and all of its members which will be enforced in the "Safety Zone" bordered on the north by Del Amo Bl./La Palma Ave., then southeast along the railroad tracks to Lincoln Bl., then east to Grand Circle and west to Bloomfield St., then south to East Wardlow Rd., then west to the 605 Freeway, then north to Del Amo Bl., extending 100 yards beyond each boundary street.

Having been identified as a public nuisance because of their criminal and nuisance activities, members of the Varrio Hawaiian Gardens gang, or affiliates and/or associates acting for the benefit of the gang are prohibited from certain activities upon service of the gang injunction order.

Prohibitions for persons served with the gang injunction order:

Section (a) Do Not Associate in public with any known gang member, affiliate, and/or associate

Section (b) Do Not Intimidate or harass any victim, witness, or informant of any criminal activity

Section (c) Do Not Ride Bicycles unless going to/from school, school activity, work, or involved in a legitimate emergency

Section (d) Stay Away From Weapons

Section (e) Stay Away From Drugs

Section (f) Stay Away From Alcohol while in a place accessible to the public

Section (g) Obey Curfew unless going to/from school, school activity, work, or involved in a legitimate emergency

§ If under 18 years of age - do not be in a public place between 8 PM and 5 AM

§ If over 18 years of age - do not be in a public place between 10 PM and 5 AM

Section (h) Do Not Vandalize or Possess Vandalism/Graffiti Tools

Section (i) Do Not Trespass

Section (j) Do Not Block Access of any public right of way

Section (k) Do Not Loiter in a public place

Section (l) Obey All Laws

For a more detailed list of the prohibitions with the applicable exceptions, refer to the original copy of the gang injunction order.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q - Who can get served?

A - Any person who has been identified as a VHG gang member, or any person acting in association with gang members for the benefit of VHG gang (for example, spray painting VHG graffiti in a public place).

Q - What areas are affected by the injunction?

A - Any area accessible to the public that falls within the designated "Safety Zone"?

Q - What do I do after I've been served?

A - Those who have been served must abide by all the rules set forth in the service including not engaging in any activity set forth in the prohibitions.

Q - How long will the injunction last?

A - The Court issued the gang injunction as a permanent order.

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

A - The Sheriff's Department is committed to protecting the residents of Hawaiian Gardens by reducing all gang activity. Those found in violation of the gang injunction order will be arrested and charged with a crime. If you have further questions about the criminal prosecution or civil procedure regarding the injunction, you may contact Deputy District Attorney Deanne Castorena at (909) 868-5479.

Q - I think I've been wrongly served. What can I do?

A - If you believe you have been wrongly served, you may contact the supervisor sergeant of the Operation Safe Streets gang unit at (562) 623-3500, and discuss the issues surrounding the service you received. In order to protect individual rights of confidentiality, only those persons who have been served can request

information about themselves. Relief from the gang injunction order can only be given by gang detectives or the district attorney responsible for this gang injunction.