

Gangs and Youth Violence

- In 2025, 8,860 children assessed by children's social care were found to be at risk from gangs, but the true figure is likely to be much higher
- Children who identify as being in a 'gang' are 17 times more likely to be victims of serious violence
- Teenagers who identified as being in a 'gang' or being exploited are 15 times more likely to have carried a weapon when compared to their peers

Any child or young person may become involved in gangs and youth violence, and it is important not to make assumptions about who might or might not be harmed – boys, girls and very young children can be impacted.

Always consider all possibilities and respond rapidly to all concerns using your setting's processes.



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