

# Defining Gangs

The Criminal Code does not identify gangs as being illegal, however, a gang may be considered a criminal organization. Lets look at the following definition of a “Criminal Organization” from the Criminal Code:

"Criminal Organization" means a group, however organized, that

- (a) is composed of three or more persons in or outside Canada; and
- (b) has as one of its main purposes or main activities the facilitation or commission of one or more serious offences that, if committed, would likely result in the direct or indirect receipt of a material benefit, including a financial benefit, by the group or by any of the persons who constitute the group.

It does not include a group of persons that forms randomly for the immediate commission of a single offence. (CCC 467.1 (1))

In summary, it is a group of individuals who intentionally gather together to commit crime for their material/financial benefit.

1) Find two other definitions of “Gang”(Your teacher may ask you to work individually or in a group)

Definition 1 Source:	Definition 2 Source:

2) What do the three definitions have in common?

3) How are they different?

4) Write your own definition of a gang based on the three definitions and the definitions your classmates found.