

TOP 10 MYTHS & FACTS

MYTHS

1. Vancouver is full of gangsters
2. Gangsters just kill gangsters
3. Courts let gangsters skip
4. Gangsters protect their members
5. Gangsters are loyal
6. Gangsters are wealthy
7. Gangsters live large
8. Gangs specialize
9. Gangs are ethnic with territories
10. Kids join to escape poverty

FACTS

1. VPD anti-gang tactics have reduced the violence and devastated their numbers within Vancouver
2. Recently, 14 innocent people have been shot and 5 have died
3. Gang members can be held in jail because they're gang members
4. Gangsters have more enemies than non-gangsters
5. Gangsters routinely turn against each other - always looking out for themselves first
6. Too many hands grabbing too few dollars leave little to live on
7. Flashy cars and clothes make them a target for their enemies
8. Gangs will commit any crime that makes them money
9. In Vancouver, they are multi-ethnic with no territorial boundaries
10. Most are from working-class families

