

# YOUNG PEOPLE & KNIVES

# HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?



ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

## THE EFFECTS OF KNIFE CRIME CUT DEEP

### WHAT COUNTS AS KNIFE CRIME?

- Carrying a knife in public.
- Buying a knife, including online, if you are under 18.
- Threatening someone with a knife.
- Carrying a knife that is banned.
- Having an illegal knife or weapon at home.
- An incident where the victim was stabbed with a knife.
- A robbery or burglary where the thieves carried a knife as a weapon.

### SIGNS TO LOOK FOR

- Have you noticed any missing knives from your kitchen?
- Or found any in your home that don't recognise?
- Is your child being secretive about where they are, what they are doing, who are they seeing?
- Will they let you look in their bags or pockets?
- Are they scared to go out or perhaps reticent to go to certain places?
- Do they seem scared, quiet or angry a lot more than they used to?

## WHAT IS A JOINT ENTERPRISE?

If somebody has been fatally stabbed someone could be found guilty of that person's murder even if they were not the person who actually stabbed them. This is known as **joint enterprise**.

**It means they could also be seen as guilty for someone else's death**, because they were part of the situation that could have encouraged the incident, or were part of it without trying to stop it from happening.

This can include situations such as:

- They were part of a group and someone in that group kills someone with a knife.
- They were supporting the attacker's actions in some way. This could be verbally by encouraging them or physically by their presence.
- They knew that the person who made the attack was going to start violence against the victim, and did nothing to stop it.

## WHERE CAN I GET SUPPORT IF I'M WORRIED MY CHILD IS INVOLVED IN KNIFE CRIME

If you are a parent, guardian or carer, it's understandably worrying if you find out that your child is carrying a knife, or that they are involved with people who do. It's important that you talk to your child and keep communication open with them.

Speak to them about the serious consequences of carrying a knife and try to find out why they feel the need to carry a knife.

It could be that they don't feel safe, or because their friends do. It's important to get to the reason before you can address it.

**North Wales Police have amnesty bins at police stations where you can safely dispose of offensive weapons at any time throughout the year.**



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