

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

Knife Crime

Merseyside Youth Association's

**Mentors in
Violence
Prevention**

DEFINITION

Knife crime is any crime involving a knife or sharp object. This includes: carrying a knife, owning a banned knife, trying to buy a knife if under 18, and/or threatening, injuring or fatally wounding someone with a knife.

Did you know?

After being stabbed, a person can bleed to death in just 5 minutes. A rapid response ambulance often takes 7 minutes to arrive at the scene.

Would you know what to do?

[Bleed Control Training E-Learning - KnifeSavers](#)



Facts and stats

If you carry a knife, you are more likely to be hurt or threatened by someone else. You are also more likely to be wounded by your own knife.

Any sharp object that is being carried with the intention of using it in a threatening way could be classed as an offensive weapon.

There are no 'safe' places to stab someone - any wound could be fatal for a number of reasons.

Carrying a knife in a public place carries a prison sentence of up to 4 years - even if it is not used.

Self-defence or self-protection are **not** valid reasons for carrying a knife or offensive weapon.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What are the attitudes and beliefs of someone who carries a knife vs someone who doesn't?

What SAFE bystander option/s could you choose if you heard about someone carrying a weapon?

What gender stereotypes could play a part in weapon carrying?

Do you agree, disagree or unsure - "Carrying a weapon for protection is sometimes ok?"

What is the impact of weapon violence? Think of the ripple effect...



Youth Voice

Want to know what young people think about Knife Crime?

[2024 MVP Mentors - Exploring young peoples perspective of why young people carry weapons and how can this be reduced?](#)

[All Saints Catholic High School - The Impact of Knife Crime](#)

[Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School - It's NOT Worth it](#)

[St Hilda's CE High School - I'm passing the phone to...](#)



Safer Together: Let's Tackle Knife Violence



Powered by youth voices, Unique Voice CiC has crafted three dynamic educational resources—inspired by a powerful film made by young people—to spark meaningful conversations and hands-on activities around knife violence.

[Access the resource here.](#)

SIGNPOSTING AND SUPPORT

Knife Crime



CrimeStoppers.



FREE TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS AND CARERS

Delivered by the RAISE Mental Health Promotion team, you can access free, live training sessions to gain knowledge and understanding of key issues that our young people are facing. Visit the [training calendar](#) for more.

REPORTING KNIFE CRIME / WEAPON CARRYING

If there is immediate danger, call 999.

For all other incidents, use the non-emergency number 101.

You can also report online: www.merseyside.police.uk

Report crimes anonymously via [Crimestoppers](#) using their online form, or by calling 0800 555 111.

[Fearless](#) is the dedicated youth service of Crimestoppers where young people can anonymously report any forms of crime.

SUPPORT AFTER AN INCIDENT OF KNIFE CRIME

Provides a single point of contact for victims of crime residing in Merseyside to access free, confidential advice, plus emotional and practical support tailored to your needs.

0808 175 3080 | www.victimcaremerseyside.org

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Founded by trauma doctors at the Major Trauma Centre at Aintree University Hospital, [KnifeSavers](#) is a not-for-profit programme that empowers people, including young people to deal with bleeding caused by knife injuries through using Bleed Control Kits, our education programme, and our step-by-step app.

KnifeSavers NEW [e-learning resource](#) has been developed to allow courses to be delivered more remotely and in doing so aim to reach and empower more people to learn the skills of bleeding control.

The [Stop Knife Crime Hub](#) on Merseyside Police's website is packed with practical advice, resources and support for parents, carers and young people – including how to spot the signs, start conversations, and seek help.



KNIFE SURRENDER - 17 TO 23 NOVEMBER

Drop-off points will be available at the General Enquiry Offices in 10 police stations across Liverpool, St Helens, Knowsley, Sefton and Wirral.

The surrender is open to anyone wishing to safely and anonymously dispose of a knife, bladed article or other offensive weapon. Taking part helps to keep unwanted weapons out of circulation and prevents them from falling into the wrong hands.