

Knife crime – cut it out

It is illegal to

- Sell a knife (including cutlery or kitchen knives) to anyone under 18.
- Use a knife in a threatening way (even if it is a legal knife).
- Carry, buy or sell any type of banned knife – no matter what age you are.

The following are offensive banned weapons:

- Flick knives – also called 'switchblades' or 'automatic knives'
- Butterfly knives
- Disguised knives – where the blade is hidden, for example in a belt buckle or fake mobile phone

There are many other knives that are illegal to carry on your person. Call **101** or speak to your local community officer for a full list of banned knives.



If you choose to carry a knife, you are not only risking your own safety and future, but others too.

If you do not carry a knife, you cannot use it.

Do not take the risk.

Remember

- Carrying a weapon is illegal. You could be arrested, taken to court and given a criminal record, even if it is an imitation weapon.
- The maximum penalty if you are found carrying a knife is **four years** in prison and a fine of **£5,000**.
- Old weapons, even if stored away, can injure or kill if they get into the wrong hands.



Report it

If you know someone who carries a weapon, report them to police. They could end up harming you, themselves or someone else.

For all non-urgent crime reports or enquiries call **101**.

In an emergency, if life is in danger or crime is in progress, call **999**.
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