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WOULD YOU KNOW HOW TO SPOT SOMEONE WHO CARRIES A KNIFE?

Do you know who is most likely to be convicted of carrying a knife?
It is young men aged 12-25 – could it be your friend, son or brother?

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

It is often because they do not feel safe and could also be due to peer pressure or not having a full understanding of the legalities of carrying a knife.

WARNING SIGNS

- Has their attitude to school/education changed?
- Do they have new friends you've not met before?
- Are they protective and/or secretive with their bag and/or clothing?
- Have they been overly defensive when you have questioned them about their possessions?
- Do they send / receive more messages than they did before?
- Do they ever get up and leave the house abruptly?
- Are they out of the house more, particularly in the evenings and at night?
- Have they demonstrated a positive attitude towards those that carry knives, for example talking about self-defence?
- Have you noticed anything missing from your house that could be used as a weapon such as a kitchen knife or screwdriver?



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I THINK SOMEONE I KNOW IS CARRYING A KNIFE. WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?

- When young people are educated about the consequences of knife crime they may reconsider carrying one.
- Try to build their self-esteem and reinforce the importance of their life and what they can achieve to empower them about a positive future.
- Take time to have a true conversation with them, be available and ready to listen. Remember to let their voice be the main one heard during the conversation.

CONSIDER MENTIONING:

- **That they do have a choice.** It's not a one way street, there is always the opportunity to change things around.
- **The law.** It is illegal to carry a knife, even if it belongs to someone else and carries a sentence of four years.
- **The police.** They will stop and search someone they believe is carrying a knife.
- **Personal safety.** The knife carried for protection could be used against the person carrying it.
- **The consequence.** Knife crime is considered a violent crime and can severely affect their ability to get jobs. Carrying or using a knife doesn't just affect that individual. When a knife is used, the individual's family, the victim and the victim's friends and family are all affected.



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