

KNIFE CRIME

- Carrying a knife or offensive weapon in a public place without reasonable excuse is illegal.
- Possession of a knife carries a potential prison sentence of up to 4 years.
- By carrying a knife, you are much more likely to get stabbed yourself.
- Think of the risk if you are with someone who is carrying a knife;
- It is up to you to make the right choice.
- If you are involved with something that leads to a serious crime, you could be arrested.



WHERE TO GO FOR HELP AND ADVICE:

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STOP &
Search

HELP AND ADVICE

THE ROLE OF THE POLICE

- Protecting life and property
- Preserving order
- Preventing the commission of offences
- Bringing offenders to justice

WHAT IS STOP AND SEARCH?

Stop and search is a police power that aims to protect the public, tackle crime and keep our streets safe.

Police will use the power to stop and search if they have a genuine suspicion they may find evidence of an offence or something that could be used to commit a crime.

STOP AND SEARCH DOES NOT MEAN:

- You are under arrest
- You are doing anything wrong
- You will have a criminal record

You will never be stopped and searched based on your age, race or nationality, gender or sexuality, faith, ability or disability or if you have committed offences before.



A POLICE OFFICER MUST:

- Identify themselves – who they are and what station they are from
- Explain the grounds – the reason you are being stopped and search
- The object of the search – what they are looking for
- The law that allows the search to take place
- Offer a record of the search

IN THE STREET THE OFFICER CAN REQUEST YOU TAKE OFF A JACKET, OUTER COAT AND GLOVES

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO PREVENT?

- Burglary, theft from motor vehicles, theft of bikes
- The misuse, possession and supply of illegal drugs
- Possession of offensive weapons including knives and firearms

