

Parent and Carer

Knife Crime / Gangs / County Lines



Know the Facts – Legal consequences

1. Carrying a knife can mean four years in prison even if you don't use it
2. You can get a criminal record for just carrying a knife
3. Carrying an offensive weapon, like a knife, is a serious offence and carrying it for self-protection is not a defence



Know the Facts – Emotional consequences

1. Carrying a knife impacts not only on the person carrying but their family and friends too
2. No parent or grandparent would ever want to see their child get injured, go to prison or be killed
3. It will also impact on their brothers or sisters, if carrying a knife leads them to having a serious injury or losing their life.



Know the Facts – Personal consequences

1. Carry a weapon and it could be used against you
2. Employers may be less likely to employ someone with a criminal record
3. Countries such as the USA and Canada may not allow someone with a criminal record in, even just on holiday



Know the Facts

1. 99% of young people aged 10-29 don't carry a knife
2. People who carry a weapon are more likely to be hospitalised with an injury caused by violence
3. There is no 'safe place' to stab someone – any stab can be fatal – and the consequences will be just as severe



Have the conversation

1. Believe you can make a difference
2. Find a good space
3. Listen
4. Be positive
5. Use facts
6. Be clear about false 'bravery'
7. Talk about the impact
8. Think about diversion
9. Don't carry it alone



County Lines

Cuckooing is when drug gangs take over the home of a vulnerable person through violence and intimidation, using it as their base for selling/manufacturing drugs.

Signs:

- An increase in people coming and going
- An increase in cars or bikes outside
- Litter outside
- Signs of drugs use
- You haven't seen the person who lives there recently or when you have, they have been anxious or distracted.



County Lines

Going country. This is the most popular term that describes county lines activity. It can also mean the act of travelling to another city/town to deliver drugs or money.

Trapping. The act of selling drugs. Trapping can refer to the act of moving drugs from one town to another or the act of selling drugs in one.

Trap House. A building used as a base from where drugs are sold (or sometimes manufactured). These houses usually are occupied by someone (usually adult drug users but sometimes young people are forced to stay in trap houses) location.



County Lines

Trap Line. This refers to when someone owns a mobile phone specifically for the purpose of running and selling of drug.

