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Knife Crime: Know the Risks

Legal consequences:

- Carrying a knife can mean four years in prison, even if you don't use it
- You can get a criminal record just for carrying a knife
- You can be stopped and searched by the police from the age of 10 if they have reasonable grounds to suspect you are carrying a knife
- If you stab someone and they die, you can get a minimum prison sentence of 25 years
- Carrying an offensive weapon, like a knife, is a serious offence and carrying it for self-protection is not a defence.

Emotional consequences:

- Carrying a knife doesn't just have an impact on you; it can affect your family and friends too
- No parent, sibling or grandparent would ever want to see their child get injured, go to prison or be killed.

Personal consequences:

- Carry a weapon and it could be used against you
- Employers may be less likely to employ someone with a criminal record
- A criminal record can affect your whole life, you may not be accepted into college or university, get a job, or travel to some countries such as the USA, Canada or Australia.

Other facts:

- 99% of young people aged 10-29 don't carry a knife
- There is no 'safe place' to stab someone any stab can be fatal



- and the consequences will be just as severe.

Help and Support

If you're worried and would like to talk to someone contact:

- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 (to report crime anonymously)
- Childline: 0800 11 11
- Merseyside Police non-emergency number: 101
- If you are in immediate danger, call Merseyside Police on: 999

For more information, visit: www.safersthelens.org.uk

