

# CUT IT OUT

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Daniel Fox, 29 was killed from a single stab wound on the 2nd of September 2016 in St Helens.

## Worried about a child or young person?

- Young people face all sorts of pressures. Finding out why they carry can help lead to a solution
- Simply listening and giving time to a young person can encourage them to think about their decisions and behaviour
- Teaching them the consequences of knife crime can also help them to understand that carrying a knife is not the answer
- Understanding how upset you'd be if they got caught with a knife or got injured could help them realise the impact their actions have on you
- Whilst many young people do not carry knives - if you are concerned you should still speak about it.

## Sharp Facts:

### Before talking to a young person about knives, you need to know the facts:

- It's illegal for anyone to carry a knife - even in self-defence and even if the knife belongs to someone else, such as a friend or a partner
- Carrying a knife can mean four years in prison, even if you don't use it
- It is a criminal offence to buy a knife when under the age of 18
- There is no 'safe place' to stab someone - any stab can be fatal - and the consequences will be just as severe
- Countries such as the USA and Canada may not allow someone with a criminal record in, even just on holiday.

## These are some points to raise:

### By carrying a knife you:

- Have a false sense of security
- Could be increasing the risk of getting stabbed or injured
- Are breaking the law.

### If you're worried about a young person and would like to talk to someone, contact:

- Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111
- Childline: 0800 11 11 11
- Merseyside Police non-emergency number: 101

### Not carrying a knife you:

- Is the smart and stronger thing to do
- Is what the vast majority do
- Means you'll be safer from serious harm and not breaking the law.



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