



# Knife Crime Awareness

You may have heard on the news or seen on television or social media about concerns regarding knife crime in the UK. The reasons young people carry knives include peer pressure, fear, or misguided protection. None of these justify the danger.

The information below covers personal safety, online protection, and knife crime awareness to help families stay informed and empowered.

## 1 Knife Crime Awareness Video

Below is a link to a really informative youtube video to help parents and carers have a conversation about knife crime or other safeguarding concerns.

[How to have conversations with your child about knife crime - Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership](#)

## 2 Personal Safety: Tips from West Midlands Police



- **Keep valuables out of sight.** Phones, wallets, and bags should never be left unattended or visible in public places.
- **Be aware of distraction techniques.** Thieves may use maps or newspapers to cover and steal items from tables or bags.
- **Stick to well-lit, busy areas.** Avoid isolated routes when walking alone, especially at night.
- **Trust your instincts:** If something feels wrong, move away and seek help.
- **Carrying a knife is illegal, even if unused.** It's a crime and puts you and others at risk.
- **Joint enterprise law:** Being present during a knife-related crime can still lead to prosecution so ensure your children are aware of this law.

## 3 Top Tips for Parents

- **Stay involved:** Know your child's friends, routines, and online habits.
- **Create safe spaces for conversation.** Encourage openness without judgment.
- Promote positive role models by **helping young people connect** with mentors, youth groups, and community programmes.

