Staying Safe Around Knives

Making positive choices and keeping ourselves safe

What Keeps Us Safe?

We all make choices every day to protect our bodies and feel safe with our friends. When you feel worried or unsure in your community, what helps you feel protected?

Important Words

Weapon — An item carried to cause harm or fear.

Injuries — Physical harm or damage done to someone's body.

Law — The official rules that keep everyone safe.

Knives Are Tools, Not Toys

In everyday life, knives are practical tools kept in the kitchen for cutting bread or chopping vegetables under adult supervision.

When a knife is taken outside or treated like a toy, it becomes hazardous. It is sharp, unpredictable, and can cause serious physical injuries in seconds.

The Protection Myth

Carrying a Knife Increases Danger

Some people mistakenly believe having a knife keeps them safe. Evidence proves this is completely false.

Remember

Carrying a knife makes you three times more likely to get hurt.

What The Law Says

It Is Against The Law

Carrying a knife in a public place is an offence. Saying it is 'for protection' is never an excuse.

Serious Consequences

Police and courts treat knife offences very seriously to keep families, schools, and neighbourhoods safe.

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Why is that?

Carrying a knife multiplies danger and is illegal.

Older Children And Pressure

Recognising Peer Pressure

Older youths might try to pressure younger pupils into unsafe choices:

- Showing a blade to look tough or impress others.
- Asking you to hold or carry a bag for them.

Real strength means making your own safe choices.

Holding Things For Others

Never agree to hold, hide, or carry a bag, parcel, or item for someone else if you do not know what is inside.

If someone carries a knife inside a bag that you are holding, you can get into serious trouble with the law too.

What To Do If You See A Knife

1

Step away

Do not touch it or argue.

2

Make an excuse

Say you need to go home.

3

Go to safety

Head to a busy, safe place.

4

Tell an adult

Report it immediately.

Telling vs Snitching

There is a vital difference between reporting and snitching:

- **Snitching** is getting someone into trouble over minor things.
- **Reporting** is protecting people from serious physical harm.

Telling an adult about a weapon saves lives and keeps everyone safe.

Your Trusted Safety Network

Family

Parents, carers, grandparents, and trusted family members.

School Staff

Class teachers, teaching assistants, headteachers, and mentors.

Police (999)

Police officers respond straight away in an emergency.

Childline

Freephone 0800 1111 to speak to someone anonymously anytime.

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Staying Strong And Safe

1. **Knives never protect you** — they multiply danger and break the law.

2. **Never hold things for others** — walk away from peer pressure.

3. **Always tell a trusted adult** — speaking up keeps everyone safe.