

JOINT ENTERPRISE

Assisting or encouraging a serious crime to take place.

- This means that it's not just the person who uses the knife or gun that could be charged with murder
- It could be anyone who was with them, or knew or did something which led to it happening.

STOP AND SEARCH

Stop and search is a police power that aims to protect the public, tackle crime and keep our streets safe.

Police will use the power to stop and search if they have a genuine suspicion they may find evidence of an offence or something that could be used to commit a crime.

REMEMBER

- If you or one of your friends carry a knife, you are likely to have it used against you.
- If you are with someone who uses a knife you could be prosecuted as if you had used it yourself – Joint Enterprise
- The police can stop & search you if they have a reason to believe you are carrying a weapon, drugs, stolen property or something used to commit a crime.

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE IS CARRYING A KNIFE, TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP AND ADVICE:



Knife crime in our County

YOUTH
ENGAGEMENT
OFFICER

HELP AND ADVICE

KNIFE CRIME IN OUR COUNTY

- Gloucestershire is one of the safest counties in relation to knife crime
- However, there have been a number of high profile and fatal incidents involving young people in the past few years
- **2 out of 3** stabbings are people who have been stabbed by their own knife
- Statistics show that if you carry a knife you are more likely to be stabbed yourself.



WHY MIGHT A YOUNG PERSON CARRY A KNIFE?

- To look cool
- For status
- To show off
- Because they think other people carry them
- For protection.



THE LAW

- It is illegal to carry a knife or offensive weapon in a public place without good reason / lawful authority.
- Possession of a knife carries a potential prison sentence of up to 4 years even if it is not used.
- There is a specific offence of: Possess article with blade / sharply pointed article on school / further education premises. Maximum 4 years imprisonment and/or a fine.
- If you use a knife to harm someone you could be found guilty of the following offences:
 - Murder (Life in prison)
 - Attempt Murder (Life in prison)
 - Assault causing grievous bodily harm
 - GBH (Life in prison)
 - Assault causing actual bodily harm
 - ABH (5 years in prison).
- It is important to know that even if you harm someone without using a knife or weapon, you could still be found guilty of any of the above offences – one punch can kill.