

Knife Crime Awareness Week

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GET CAUGHT CARRYING A KNIFE AND YOU FACE...

- ✓ Arrest
- ✓ Prosecution
- ✓ A criminal record
- ✓ Ruined job prospects
- ✓ Not being able to go to university
- ✓ Not being able to travel to America
- ✓ Four years in prison

**CARRYING A KNIFE,
IT'S YOUR CHOICE.**

The Consequences



If you get caught with a knife

Get caught and you face a prison sentence of up to five years. That's just for possessing a knife in a public place.

If you hurt someone there will be other charges to answer and you could go to prison for longer.



Your loved ones

No parent or grandparent wants to think their child or grandchild is going to have to go to prison. For many, the only nightmare that's any worse is the thought of you getting injured or killed.

Any brothers and sisters you have will be devastated at the prospect of you not being around for months or even years. They could face lots of hassles at school and on the street too - and you won't be around to stick up for them.



Where you live

If you pull a knife on someone, their mates could come looking for you at home. This could put your family in danger, as well as your friends.



Your future

If you get convicted for a knife crime you'll have a criminal record. Sentences over 30 months stay on your record for life.

People with criminal records - especially for violent behaviour - find it much more difficult to find work.

They are also barred from doing some jobs altogether, like working around children, young people or the elderly, or even being a bouncer in a pub or club.

Criminal records for violence also make it harder to get into college or university.



Your holidays and travel

Lots of countries don't let people in who have criminal records, like the USA, Canada and Australia - even just on holiday.

Sharp Facts

- <http://noknivesbetterlives.com/young-people/the-facts>



Discussion

What are your thoughts about this video, what action should he have taken?

<http://noknivesbetterlives.com/young-people/your-videos>

Watch - You can't rewind your life!

Support

- If you have suspicion anyone is carrying a knife TELL immediately.
- Parents/Carers/Teachers/Police/Online support and report websites

Useful links

- <https://www.knifefree.co.uk/>
- <http://noknivesbetterlives.com/young-people>
- <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/young-victims-crime>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gun-knife-crime/>
- <https://www.fearless.org/en>