

# Where's the Harm

Whilst the majority of young people do not carry knives – it is still a conversation worth having.

[Parents information - Lancashire County Council](#)

Approximately 1 in 7 young people in Lancashire claimed to have witnessed an incident involving a knife (2022-23).

## What you need to know

It is illegal to carry a knife even if the knife belongs to someone else.

Carrying a knife increases your child's risk of getting stabbed or injured.

Carrying a knife could result in your child getting a criminal record. This may prevent them getting a job, going to college / university or even travelling abroad to some countries.

# Knife Crime

## Keeping your children safe



## Why do young people carry a knife?

From protection to peer pressure, there are many reasons a young person may carry a knife. Some signs to look out for that may suggest your child is feeling this way are:

- school's not going well / they don't want to go in to school at all
- they've been a recent victim of theft/ bullying/ mugging
- they are hanging around with a new friendship group

Remind your child that they should always walk away if confronted with the threat of violence.

## Legal consequences

- Carrying a knife can mean 4 years in prison, even if you don't use it.
- You can get a criminal record just for carrying a knife.
- It is illegal to sell a knife, zombie knife or machete to anyone who is under 18yrs old

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If you would like more information on knife possession visit [www.direct.gov.uk/talkaboutknives](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talkaboutknives)

For support Nest Lancashire supports young people aged 10-18 years who have been affected by crime, bullying or harassment. [Nest Lancashire | Supporting young victims](#)

## Emotional Health & Well Being Support

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[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

