# CHECK 25 - Working together to keep young people safe



## Carrying a knife can have serious consequences for young people including:

- Increased risk of injury young people who carry knives are more likely to be injured themselves
- Carrying a knife is illegal and can result in prosecution and a prison sentence of 4
  years
- Having a criminal record could impact on future prospects such as employment, education and travel

#### **The Law**

- It is illegal to sell knives and bladed articles including zombie style knives and machetes to under 18s
- It is illegal to carry a knife even if the knife belongs to someone else
- Police can and will search someone if they suspect they are carrying a knife or other weapon
- School staff can also search young people for weapons at school

# Report any concerns or underage sales

If we don't know we can't help to keep young people safe



## **Further Support**

If you would like more information on best practice and connect with services visit **www.lancsyrn.co.uk** 

