



Knife and Gang Crime

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Recent London Statistics

- Knife Crime up by 21%
- Personal robbery up by 1/3
- Youth murder rate up by 1/3
- The use of a knife (or threatened use) is often used in robberies (mugging) of mobile phones/bikes/money etc
- Some Young People are carrying knives is to 'defend themselves'
- Knife crime and robberies are often gang related

Gang related activity

- A lot of knife and violent crime by young people is gang related
- Some young people are pulled into gang activity to 'fit in'
- Many older gang members get the younger ones to 'prove' themselves
- Some older gang members ask younger ones to carry/deliver items for them
- Many younger members become 'fall guys' – get caught

Knives and the Law

It is a crime to carry a knife anywhere in public, including in school, without a reasonable excuse or lawful authority.



This includes all offensive weapons and normal items which may be used as a weapon.



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Knives and the Law

- The maximum penalty for **carrying** a knife is 4 years in prison and an unlimited fine.
- You will go to prison **for at least 6 months** if you're convicted of carrying a knife more than once.
- Reasonable grounds for carrying a knife in public
taking knives you use **at work** to and from work – eg a chef

A **court** will decide if you've got a good reason to carry a knife or a weapon if you're charged with carrying it illegally.

**KNOW SOMEONE
WITH A KNIFE?**



**NAME THEM!
TEXT 88551***

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include their: 1. Name *and/or* Nickname
2. School
3. Year
4. Area *and/or* Postcode

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How to keep safe – Police advice

- **Do not carry a knife to protect yourself**
- Joint enterprise - do not be in the presence of anyone you know (or suspect) to be carrying a knife
- Try and travel in pairs (or more) in risky / unlit areas
- Don't stop / Walk assertively / be aware / make noise / find safe places
- Valuable items/Phones – if you must have a phone – carry an old one
- If you get asked for your possessions by a 'mugger' give them over and get yourself to safety and then contact the police

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/mayors-office-policing-and-crime-mopac/london-needs-you-alive-dont-carry-knife>