

What happens after somebody is stabbed?

Best case scenario - they get away with nothing but a scar.

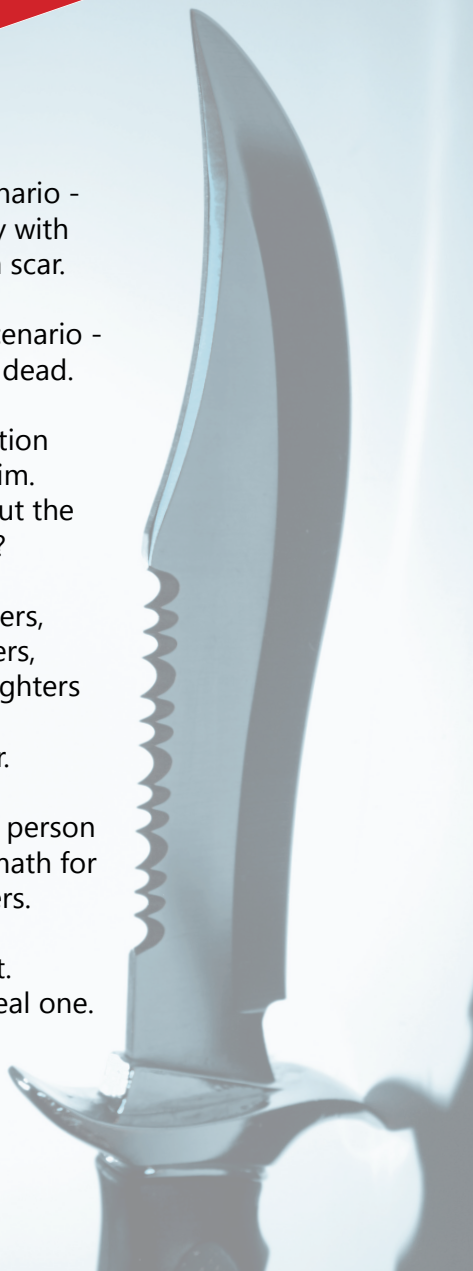
Worst case scenario - they wind up dead.

In every situation there is a victim. But what about the other victims?

Mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters & friends? They all suffer.

Stabbing one person creates aftermath for so many others.

Think about it. This one's a real one.



Who's watching you?

It's a good idea to make sure, because if somebody's watching them, somebody's watching you. And it doesn't matter if somebody else used the knife. If you're with someone who uses a knife then it could have implications for you.

There are between 4 million and 5.9 million CCTV surveillance cameras in the UK and London has one of the highest number of CCTV cameras of any city in the world.

On one side or another - there's always somebody peeping the game.

Police figures show the average person in Britain is caught on camera

70
times a day.

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Making Positive Choices

Making positive choices isn't about telling people what to do.

It's not about telling people what is right or wrong.

It's about talking with people to look at the consequences of the choices they make; and then providing information to help them make their choice about their future.

Who's poking who?

Have you ever thought why you or other people carry a knife? Fear, a status thing, fashion - or for protection?

A lot of young people say carrying a knife is for protection, but how does a knife actually PROTECT you? Does it put up a force-field, or make you invincible?

Protecting yourself or somebody else should be a good thing, but if you carry a knife is it about protecting yourself, or harming somebody else?

Think about it, was any weapon ever made for good intentions?

If everybody carries a knife - who's poking who?

Rules to the game

If you carry a knife you're involved in the street game. So you better know the rules.

The term 'offensive weapon' is defined as: '... any article made or adapted for use to cause injury to a person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use.'

There are 3 categories of Offensive Weapons:



Made

Knuckle dusters, flick knives, batons



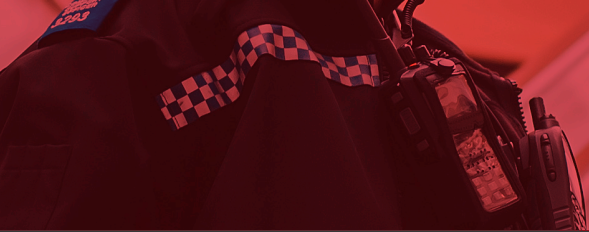
Adapted

Bottle/broken glass, sharpened metal comb



Intended

Skipping rope, screwdriver, umbrella

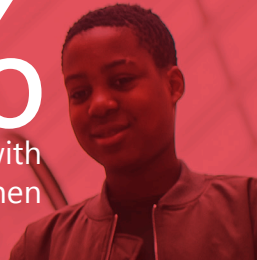


In the event of stabbing another person and they subsequently die, the consequences are huge! This means you will face a life prison sentence of a minimum of 25 years, a long time to contemplate that moment of madness.

Victims of serious youth violence are more likely to be with others when they are attacked.

75%

of fatal victims were with gangs or groups when they were attacked.



Some knives are illegal even for adults to buy. Banned offensive weapons include: flick knives - also called 'switchblades' or 'automatic knives', butterfly knives, disguised knives (in which the blade is hidden in something like a belt buckle or fake mobile phone).

If you decide to carry a weapon into school, this automatically becomes a Police matter where the consequences are tough!

If you are caught in possession of a knife, this can carry a prison sentence of up to 4 years - even if it's not used.



In 2016 over **3000** young people committed an offence involving possession of a knife or offensive weapon in the UK.