

KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS

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POLICE



Learning Aims

- The risks of carrying a knife
- The Truth about Knife Crime
- The Law!

Learning Outcomes

- Explain & challenge reasons why people carry knives
- The Consequences of Knife Crime
- Where to get help

Reasons vs Reality

“Others are carrying a knife!”

99% of 10-29 years olds
DON'T carry a knife

“I just retaliate,
or threaten”

90 secs to bleed out
4 years prison maximum
for just carrying a knife

“Self-Defence
or Protection”

NOT a legal defence
70% stabbed with own knife

“My mates will
respect me...?”

The Legal Bit

What does the law say about carrying a knife?



The Legal Bit



- Cannot carry a “Bladed or Sharply Pointed Article” - (not just a knife!)

“Offensive Weapons”

Made



Intended



Adapted



The Legal Bit

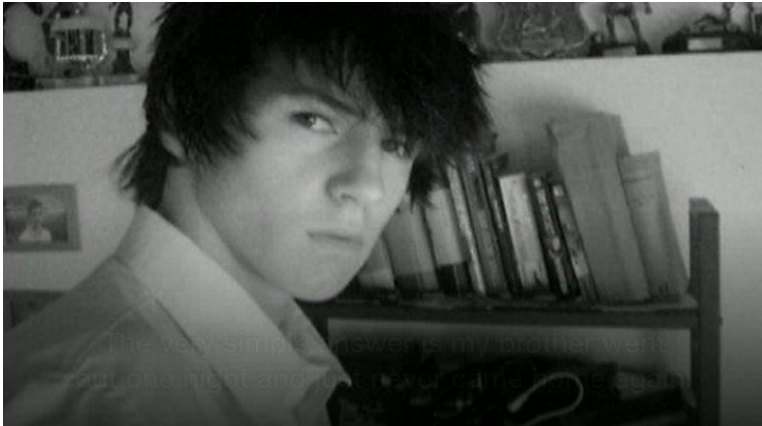


- You CANNOT sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18
- You CANNOT use **any** knife in a threatening way
- A police officer or a teacher (on a school premises) can search you at any time if they have reason to believe that you are carrying an offensive weapon or a bladed or sharply pointed article.

What is “Joint Enterprise”?



If you were at an incident where somebody died, **YOU** could be charged with Murder, even if you, personally, didn't physically assault the victim



Ben Kinsella - Murdered in 2008
All 3 accused received full
Life Sentences in Prison

Consequences

Victim

- Scars, Injuries, Infection
- Infection
- PTSD
- Low in confidence
- Trust issues
- Mental health issues
- Feel frightened
- Impact on life choices/
daily routine



- Time off school or work
- Time spent in
hospital/court
- Relationships

Consequences

Knife Carrier/Group

- Prison sentence
- Criminal record
- Fear
- Death
- Scars
- Injuries
- Infection
- Mental health issues
- Guilt and regret
- Difficulty in getting into college, university or a job
- Difficulty travelling to different countries
- Missed out on life experiences
- Impact on relationships

Consequences

Family/Friends

- Bereavement
- Increased aggression at home
- Feel shame, embarrassment or disappointment
- May feel threatened
- May have to move house
- Worry/Stress/Mental health issues
- Time spent at hospital/prison/court



Consequences

Community

- Area gets a poor reputation
- Increased fear & community tensions
- Neighbourhood feuds
- Parental concerns – School Impact
- Less likely that people would want to move to the area (reduced house prices)
- People may feel vulnerable to go out alone or go out at night
- Increased police presence in the area or Stop & Searches



Keeping safe

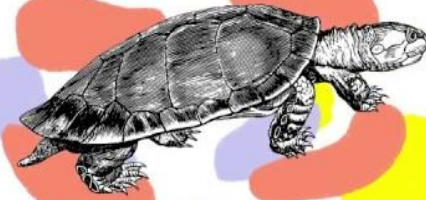
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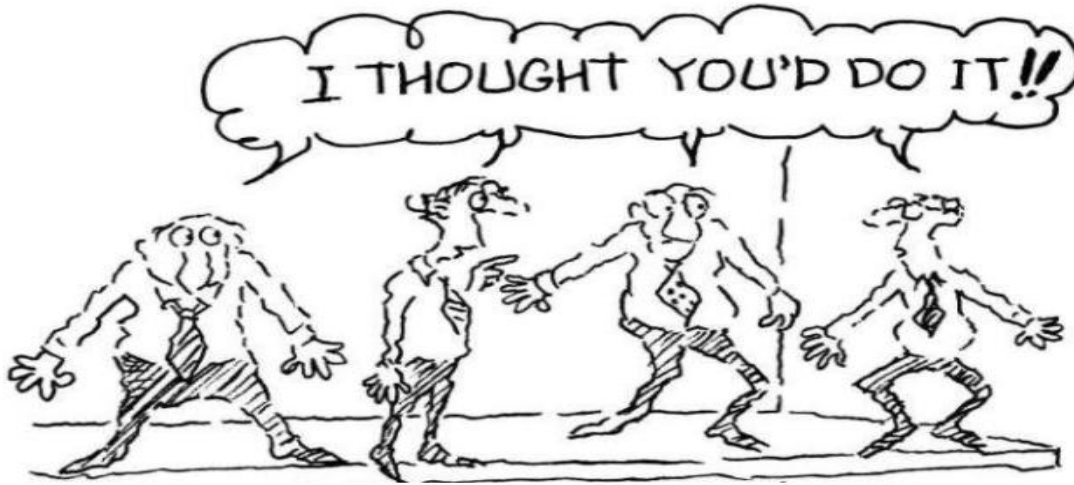
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FREEZE



Bystander Effect

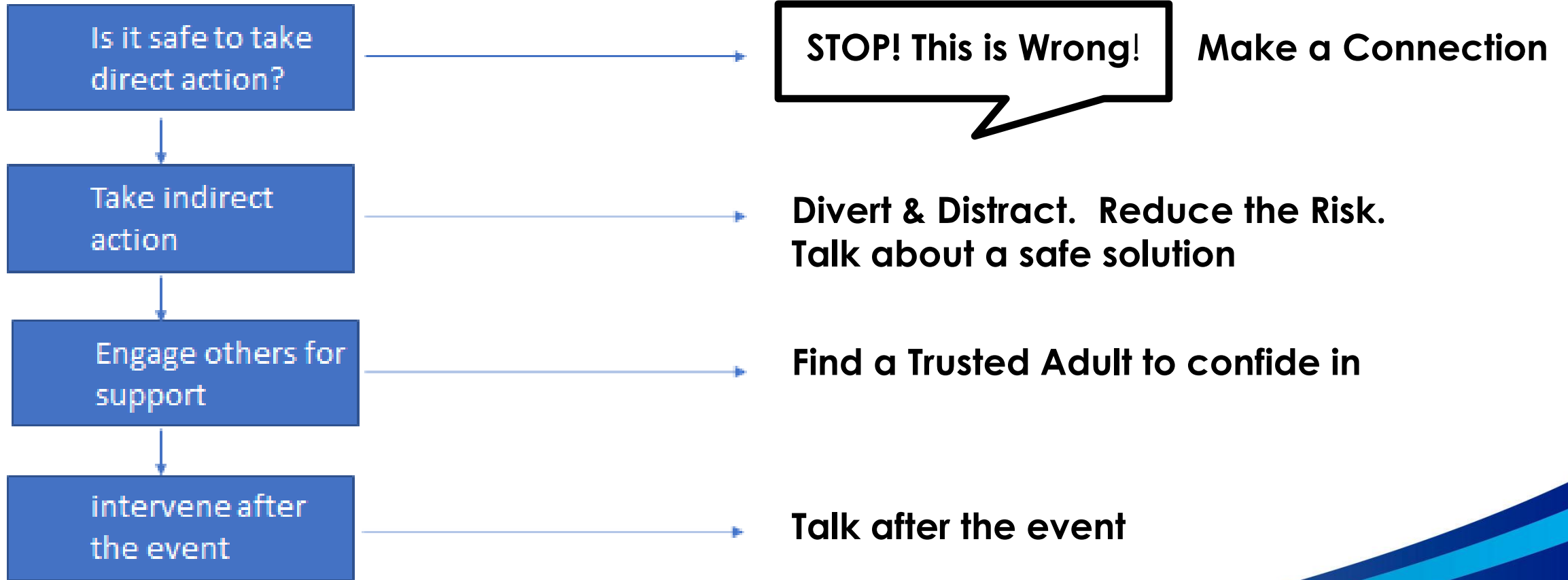


The **BYSTANDER EFFECT** happens when a group of people are around someone who needs help or around a challenging situation, but no-one takes action!

There will be many reasons for people not acting. Here's some of them.

- Fear
- No one else is / Don't want to be the first.
- Too busy
- What's actually going on?
- They deserve it
- Not my business
- They don't want to be seen to be different.
- Don't know what to do.

Active Bystander Toolkit



HOW CAN YOU HELP

STOP! This is Wrong

- Apply pressure to the wound
- Call 999
- Continue to apply pressure until the ambulance arrives.

**Nobody attempted to remove the knife.
A knife or sharp object should not be removed.**

Sources of Support

- **Support in community:**

Family, youth workers, sports/out of school coaches or tutors.

- **Greater Manchester Police:**

Contact 101/999 www.gmp.police.uk

- **Support in school:**

Teachers and any other staff that you can trust.

- **Childline** – 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Support and advice for young people about a range of issues.

- **#knifefree website** - www.knifefree.co.uk

For more information on the campaign.

- **Fearless (crime stoppers)** – www.fearless.org

For advice and a way to anonymously report crime.

- **Victim support** – www.victimsupport.org.uk

Support for anyone who has been a victim of crime.



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Any Questions?



Speak to a teacher and ask them to email us.

Speak with us when you see us in school.