



Supporting Youth Knife Crime Prevention in Cardiff

A Resource for Professionals Working with Young People

HOW CHILDREN'S RIGHTS CAN HELP KEEP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE

Children's Rights are all about helping children and young people to develop to their full potential and grow into responsible, healthy and happy adults. Keeping children safe is one important part of this.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) can offer part of the solution, by providing a framework for understanding children rights, and by outlining our responsibilities to children and young people.

By building relationships with children and young people that are based on respect, fairness, and trust they are more likely to view you as someone with whom they can talk if they have a problem.

Children's rights keep children safe by encouraging children and young people to:

- Talk with adults and let them know what they think, feel, and believe - to let you know what is happening in their lives.
- Understand how they should treat others, and how others should treat them.
- Grow in confidence and be the best person that they can be.

Children's rights encourage practitioners to keep children and young people safe by:

- Working towards what is best for children (provision of services, child protection, and encouraging children's participation in decision making processes)
- Listening to children, trying to understand their thoughts, feelings and beliefs - and showing children that their opinions are important
- Talking to children - explaining our actions and decisions so that children can try to understand us
- Providing children with health care, education, and other opportunities to grow and develop





Information from South Wales Police

KNIFE CRIME

Incidents involving knives can have tragic consequences. Knife crime is not a part of everyday life in South Wales, but we recognise the importance of taking action to prevent a problem occurring.

Know the law! You may be breaking it without even realising.

It's illegal to:

- sell a knife to anyone under 18, unless it has a folding blade 3 inches long (7.62 cm) or less
- carry a knife in public without good reason, unless it has a folding blade with a cutting edge 3 inches long or less
- carry, buy or sell any type of banned knife
- use any knife in a threatening way (even a legal knife)

Any sharp instrument that is used in a threatening way (e.g. a screwdriver) is also an offensive weapon.

Police officers have the right to stop and search any person or vehicle if they suspect an offence, including possession of an offensive weapon.

The risk that someone you know may be carrying a knife or may be affected by knife crime can be very worrying and raise many questions

You can also report anything you know about knife crime 100% anonymously via **Fearless**.

More information on the Possession of Weapons, including knives, can be found www.south-wales.police.uk/en/advice/possession-of-weapons/



ADVICE FOR PARENTS

The best way to keep young people safe is to talk to them about the danger.

Talking can be difficult, but keep trying. Your son or daughter may be scared or unwilling to talk. Maybe they think they need to carry a knife because they feel threatened.

Look out for:

- problems at school or a reluctance to go to school
- issues of bullying or theft of personal items
- a new network of friends

You may suspect that your son or daughter is carrying a knife. For example, you may discover a knife is missing from the kitchen.



ADVICE FOR STUDENTS

It is illegal to carry a knife even if it's for your own protection. Police, and teachers at school, can search anyone suspected of carrying a knife.

By carrying a knife, you could get a criminal record or even a prison sentence. This will have an impact on future job prospects and whether you're able to travel abroad to some countries.

Carrying a knife significantly increases the risk to you being injured. Your own knife can be used against you or someone may attack you in 'self-defence'.

How would you feel if a younger brother or sister carried a knife because they had seen you do it, and something happened to them as a result?

Using a knife, even in self-defence, can ruin your life as well as someone else's. Even being there when someone else uses a knife can get you in trouble.

Walk away if you are confronted with the threat of violence.

Tell somebody you trust – a parent, teacher, friend or the police.

You can also report anything you know about knife crime 100% anonymously via **Fearless**.
www.fearless.org



Supporting Knife Crime Prevention In Cardiff

The following organisations have been a part of a 'Cardiff Youth knife crime working group'. This group was set up to clarify the support in Cardiff as well as look at the gaps. All programmes have been quality assured by the members of the group and agree on the same consistent message, Laws and reporting pathway.



Street Doctors

A national charity that teaches emergency life-saving skills to young people. The purpose of their teaching is to help young people link risky behaviours to real life situations of violence and the medical consequences of injuries from violence. Sessions are practical, using medical props and young people are actively encouraged to practice skills. As well as providing them with key skills, with the hope to empower young people to make a positive difference in their community, instilling a sense of social responsibility and creating a lasting change in their attitudes towards violent crime. All teaching is provided by medical students or qualified doctors.

They offer 2 different teaching sessions: 'what to do when someone is bleeding' and 'what to do when someone is unconscious'. They each last approximately 1 hour.

Who is this available to?

Young people aged 11+

Contact details to refer

info@streetdoctors.org

www.streetdoctors.org



Media Academy Cardiff – Braver Choices

A Knife Crime Awareness project.

MAC offer 60 minutes classroom sessions or 30 minutes assembly sessions. These sessions are focused around laws and facts, gangs and citizenship, pros and cons, goals and values, perspective taking and empathy. From experience its best for the Young People to have the understanding of the laws and facts prior to any other sessions.

Who is this available to -

Young People aged 11-18

Contact details to refer -

scott@mediaacademycardiff.org

07533154010



Fearless – Crimestoppers

Fearless offers free Professionals training and young people's workshops

- The workshops are aimed at 11-16 year olds (although we can work with slightly younger and older pupils) and especially those young people at risk of exclusion or identified hot spots. The workshops focus on the choices and consequences surrounding crime and increasing awareness of Fearless.org where young people can report crime 100% anonymously.
- The Professional training sessions last between an hour and 2 hours. Participants will leave the session with a good knowledge of Crime stoppers and it's youth service Fearless, and what they provide for young people.

Contact details to refer

Khalifa Alaale

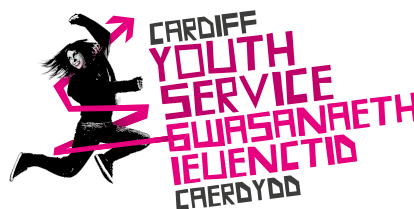
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Khalifa.Alaale@crimestoppers-uk.org

www.fearless.org/en

Any other info

We are delivering as part of the All Wales Serious Violence Prevention Programme so as well as knife crime; we are also facilitating workshops on gangs, county lines and exploitation. Workshops last around an hour but can be delivered to suit the needs of the audience so length of time can be varied.



Cardiff Youth Service

Cardiff Youth Service's Senior Youth Officers (SYOs) have developed a Knife Crime Awareness workshop supported by Cardiff Youth Council.

They offer a bespoke session in schools on Preventing knife crime. Looking at the dangers of carrying a knife, perception in Cardiff, reporting, how to stay safe, and more.

Cardiff Youth Service is supporting young people on preventing Youth knife crime through the two elements of its service delivery: Youth Offer and Engagement (youth centres, street based youth work and inclusive provision) and Early Intervention and Prevention (1:1 youth mentors, targeted group work, and post 16 engagement- through City Centre Youth Project)

The following youth centres provide young people with a wide range of activities, guidance, support and information on knife crime and all other topics.

- Butetown Pavilion
- Eastmoors Youth Centre
- Powerhouse– Llanederyn
- North Ely Youth Centre
- St Mellons Youth Centre

Who is this available to?

Young people aged 10-17

Contact your local youth worker for more information

Facebook: @cardiffyouthservice

Twitter: @cardiffyc

youthservice@cardiff.gov.uk





School Community Police Officer - School Beat

SchoolBeat.cymru is a bilingual site from the All Wales School Liaison Core Programme, providing information and resources for pupils, teachers, parents and partners to reinforce the key messages delivered by our School Community Police Officers in primary and secondary schools as well as alternative educational settings.

We offer an assembly input on being Knife Free and a classroom lesson on Weapons and the law. It covers the objectives -

- to understand the laws regarding weapons
- to raise awareness of the risks and dangers associated with knives and weapons
- to consider how to keep pupils safe on school premises
- to develop a responsible attitude towards personal safety

Who is this available to?

Assembly Inputs are available to KS3/4

Classroom lesson to KS3

Supportive policing around this theme is available to primary and secondary schools.

Contact details to refer

www.schoolbeat.cymru contact us page

Catherine.lewis@south-wales.pnn.police.uk

Your School Community Police Officer



Cardiff Youth Offending Service - Prevention Team

The prevention team within the Youth Offending Service offer 1:1 support with young people and their families. The aim of the partnership is to prevent anti-social behaviour, offending and reoffending by young people aged 10-17.

The prevention team offer a weapons awareness programme on a one-to-one basis with young people who have been identified as being involved in, or at risk of Involvement in weapon related Incidents.

Who is this available to?

Young people aged 10 - 17

Contact details to refer

yosprevention@cardiff.gov.uk



St Giles Trust

Intensive 1:1, specialist help for young people affected by gang-related violence and exploitation. We also prevent young people at risk of becoming involved in gangs and violence.

Who is this available to?

Young people aged between 10 - 19yrs who are caught up or at risk of county lines.

Contact details to refer

Rebecca.Miller@stgilestrust.org.uk

www.stgilestrust.org.uk



Street Games

Street Games are a national sport and anti-poverty. We support community-based organisations, situated in Wales most deprived communities, to design and delivery attractive sport-based opportunities for local young people. We currently support around 10 community provisions across the city and have links with many others of whom have an attractive offer for young people.

Who is this available to?

There offer is not bound to any specific organisation type. Engagement from all sectors can be important for ensuring local offers meet local needs and can most definitely enhance local delivery.

Contact details to refer

Aaron Northmore –
aaron.northmore@streetgames.org –
079 5605 7386

www.streetgames.org



OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Useful phone numbers

Cardiff Family Advice and Support - 03000 133 133

Switched On - 029 2233 0292

Non emergency - 101

Crimestoppers - 0800 555 111

Victim Support - 030 0303 0161

Think safe! - 029 2053 6310

Websites

www.knifefree.co.uk

www.noknivesbetterlives.com

www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gun-knife-crime/

www.fearless.org/en

www.stgilestrust.org.uk

www.streetgames.org

www.south-wales.police.uk/en/advice/possession-of-weapons/

For further help, session plans and support contact:

Child Friendly City - childfriendlycardiff@cardiff.gov.uk

