SURREY SAFER KNIFE REPLACEMENT SCHEME

A new safety standard

Every year pointed kitchen knives, in or from ordinary homes, shatter lives. But safer designs, like blunt or rounded blades, offer a solution. Just as seatbelts and smoke alarms once reshaped public safety, safer kitchen knives can help transform our communities.

Who is eligible for the scheme?

Any agency working with you can refer you to the Surrey Safer Knife Replacement Scheme. Households and premises that are eligible for the scheme are:

- Homes where a child has threatened a parent or sibling with a knife.
- Homes where a knife has been used to injure, to threaten or referred to in relation to a threat and partners remain co-habiting.
- Homes with a young person who has been, or is at risk of being, involved in carrying a knife outside the home.
- Group settings where vulnerable people are accommodated together.

Why make the exchange?

By participating in the scheme households can reduce the risks associated with having sharp-pointed knives immediately accessible to young people or other residents.

Removing sharp-pointed knives means there are fewer potentially lethal weapons in circulation and being used in violent incidents, whether in the home or out in the community.

Blunt-tipped knives are ineffective weapons and therefore less likely to be carried by young people, or used in any form of crime, which protects community safety.

How to participate

Once you are referred, someone will be allocated to attend your address to facilitate the exchange:

- We will be offering a single knife to household who agree to participate and a set of four to group settings. The reason for the use of a single knife is that only one is generally used at one time in a domestic kitchen and one knife is easier to secure and to keep track of at all times.

- The replacement knife, or knife set, will be brought in a security sealed package from the manufacturer, Viners.



- Before any exchange takes place a waiver giving the consent of your current knives' owner must be completed and signed.

- All knives to be removed from your address will be placed into a knife tube, secured and taken away to be safely disposed of.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

The Surrey Safer Knife Replacement Scheme does not guarantee safety. Whilst risks are significantly lowered by rounded end knives you should still practice careful handling and follow standard advice around safe use and storage