



WHAT'S THE POINT?

RESOURCE PACK

Information for schools,
parents, and youth clubs

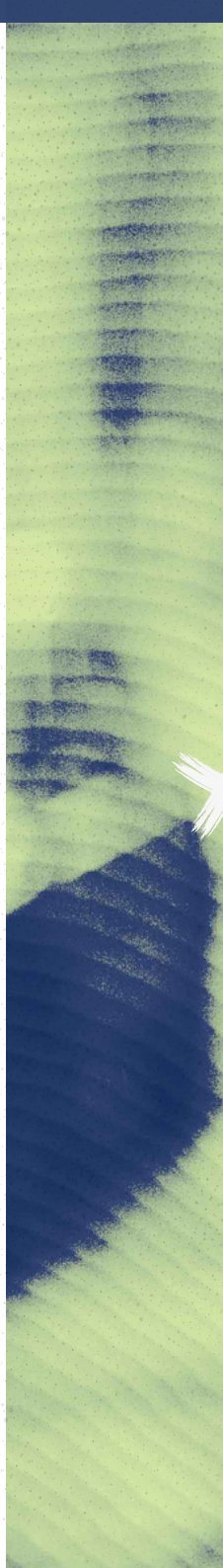


WHY IT MATTERS

From Monday, 13 July, Surrey Police will launch its new knife crime campaign, **"What's the Point?"**, encouraging people to share information if they are concerned someone may be carrying a knife.

We recognise this campaign launches as schools break for summer, but its message is especially important during this period. While knife-related incidents can be worrying, very few people carry knives. If you know someone who is carrying one, please share information with the police or independent charities such as Crimestoppers or Fearless.

Research we commissioned this year found that many people do not report concerns because they are unsure what happens afterwards, whether action will be taken, or if their identity will be protected. This campaign aims to answer those concerns.

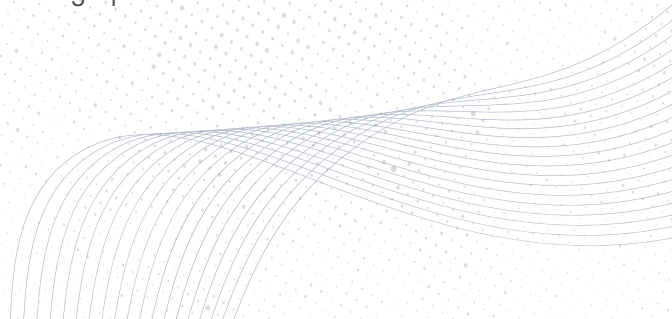




You and your children may see the campaign on social media over the coming weeks. Parents, carers, teachers and youth workers all play an important role in helping young people understand the risks of knife carrying and feel confident sharing concerns.

We know these conversations can be difficult, particularly when they involve someone you care about. However, sharing information could help someone access support, prevent harm, or even save a life. Young people are more likely to speak with a trusted adult than contact the police or organisations such as Fearless directly.

This campaign forms part of our wider work with partners to tackle knife crime, including preventing the sale and supply of dangerous knives, seizing weapons, supporting communities, and providing knife amnesty bins at Staines, Guildford, Caterham, Woking and Elmbridge police stations.



IF A YOUNG PERSON TELLS YOU SOMETHING

If a young person shares a concern about knife carrying:

- Stay calm and listen
- Take concerns seriously
- Seek advice if you are unsure what to do next
- Share information if there is a risk to someone's safety

You don't need to have all of the answers. Taking a concern seriously could help prevent harm.



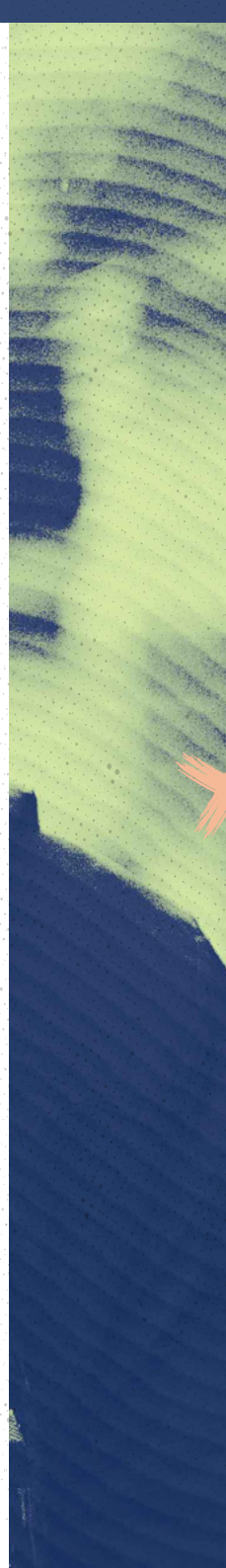


REPORTING CONCERNS ABOUT KNIFE CARRYING

- For non-emergencies you can contact Surrey Police directly either by calling 101, or by using the reporting form on our **website**.
- If there is an imminent danger or emergency, always call 999.
- Fearless is a dedicated youth service of the independent charity CrimeStoppers. Report 100% anonymously by using their **online form** or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Surrey Police will not contact you as we have no way of knowing who the information has come from. Please be advised information is not passed to Police straight away and it can take a few days for information to be shared.

RESOURCES

- Read **our advice** if you or someone you know needs support.
- **ChildLine** has counsellors to support young people 24 hours a day. Call them on 0800 1111.
- If you're a teacher, visit **PSHE** to find lesson plans around knife crime.
- Visit **Charlie's Promise**, a local charity dedicated to the memory of Charlie Cosser, who educate young people on the impact of knife crime.
- The Ben Kinsella Trust have **free resources** on their website for young people, teachers and practitioners, as well as for parents. There is a useful parent and carer guide which gives advice on how to have conversations with young people about knife crime.
- If there are areas where you live or spend time that don't feel safe you can report this on a website called StreetSafe. The information is given to your local police force who can then look at what they can do to improve safety in that area





WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU SHARE INFORMATION WITH THE POLICE?

Intelligence rarely comes from a single report. Police build a picture from information received over time from different sources.

Here's what you need to know.

- Your safety comes first
- Your identity is protected at all times
- Only specially trained staff can see where information came from
- If you've reported via a third party such as CrimeStoppers or Fearless, Surrey Police will not contact you as we have no way of knowing who the information came from
- Police will not take action if it puts you at risk

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU REPORT SOMETHING?

1. Your information is reviewed

Specialist teams carefully assess what you've shared, including:

- How reliable it may be
- How the information was obtained

2. Your details are removed

The information is edited and anonymised so it cannot be traced back to you.

3. It helps build the bigger picture

Your information is combined with other reports to identify patterns and risks. Even small details can make a difference.





4. Decisions are made safely

Police assess the level of risk and decide what action is appropriate. This might include:

- Offering help and support
- Working with schools or other services
- Further investigation

5. Checks are made before action

Police do not act on unconfirmed information alone. They gather further information first.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Every piece of information matters.

You don't need to have all the answers, and you don't need to be completely certain.

A single piece of information may seem small, but it could help identify a risk, prevent harm, support someone who needs help, or stop a weapon being carried.

Sharing a concern could save a life. That's the point.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Want to know more?

Scan the QR code to read
our full guide explaining:



- How intelligence is handled
- How your identity is protected
- What happens after information is reported
- How police assess and use information

