

INTRODUCTION TO WEAPONS & KNIFE CRIME

SESSION LEADER NOTES

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Helping children & young people stay safe from violence & weapons

This interactive presentation is to help young people understand that carrying a knife or weapon does not keep you safe and is not a good form of protection. We want to dispel fears that “everyone carries a knife”, and help young people express why carrying a knife or weapon is not the accepted norm and if you or someone you know has a weapon there are safe ways of disposal.

Recommended for:

Key stage 3, 4 and above

Session duration:

40 – 60 minutes

Learning Points

1. The facts about weapons and knives.
2. Why people carry weapons and knives.
3. What the law says.
4. How to reduce risk and get help.

Recommended group rules

- No personal questions or comments.
- Listen to each other.
- Treat each other with respect, even if you disagree.
- Engage with and try to enjoy the learning.

Trigger warnings

Themes around weapons that some viewers might find distressing including: use of weapons, physical violence, and fatal injuries. We advise reminding viewers of a safe place or places to go if the content causes distress.

Technical requirements

- WiFi connection.
- Ensure Vimeo is not blocked so that videos can be viewed.
- A good standard of audio and visual for the group size.

Content notes

Includes a 10-minute drama “Joint Enterprise”, a 5-minute clip of the documentary “AJ’s Story” and two short clips of less than one-minute each. Both films feature a fatal stabbing. AJ’s story features a grieving parent and friend that might affect some viewers.

Activity notes

There are multiple closed and open questions for which answers could be called out or voted on. The roleplay activity on slide 31 could be done in pairs, small groups or as a roleplay in front of the group.

Additional resources

There is a 7-minute film summarising key points that could be played as a recap / an introduction, or a film shared with parents, carers and staff so that they are familiar with the key learning points.

Feedback and requests

Please send any comments and suggestions to: mail@notinourcommunity.org



Where you see the clock, this is an optional activity to make the session shorter or longer.