

YOU have a Responsibility

Everyone has a Responsibility

Within schools & communities pupils are being educated on weapon/knife crime and the consequences of carrying a weapon.

Parents can help by talking through the issues with their children. It is important young people know what weapon crime is and understand how it can affect you and the rest of your family.

We want all young people to join in the
PLEDGE # _____ Coming Soon 2017

Please encourage your child to make the pledge and to

1. Never carry a weapon
2. Share information (SEE IT/ HEAR IT then SHARE IT)

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Useful numbers & websites

For parents and carers

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (Anonymous)

Parentline 08000 28 22 23 (Confidential)

www.parentlinescotland.org.uk

Police Scotland 101

Ben Kinsella Trust www.benkinsella.org.uk

www.parentingacrossscotland.org

For your child

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 (Anonymous)

Childline 0800 1111 (Confidential)

Police Scotland 101

www.fearless.org

Translation and Interpretation available

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information

No
Weapons

We all play
our part

Keeping
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Guidance for Parents



THE LAW

Criminal law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995

If you are found in possession of a weapon in a public place you could face the following;

- Criminal record
- A fine
- Up to 4 years in prison

Police can and will search someone if they believe they are carrying a knife. With consent a pupil can be searched at school, if no consent is given Police Scotland are notified. If a pupil is found in possession of a weapon schools will record the incident and notify Police Scotland.

Any weapon/knife found will be confiscated.



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WEAPONS

What is an offensive weapon?

An offensive weapon includes any article: made, adapted or intended for use to cause injury/harm.

Some examples include:-

Made

- Knuckle duster
- Swords



Adapted

- Metal comb with sharpened handle
- Baseball bat with nails in it



Intended

- Knife
- Golf club



Keeping people safe

There are NO Excuses for carrying a weapon/knife.

What Can YOU Do?

Have a chat with your child - they respect you more than you think. It can be a tricky conversation but start by asking them what they already know about weapon/knife crime.

Then remember to -

- Be a good listener
- Be positive
- Use facts not opinions
- Be patient/calm
- Let them know they have a choice
- Let them know they can walk away from violence
- Encourage them to share their fears

Share information

