

# Operation Sceptre



**A national week of action to tackle knife crime**

# KNIFE CRIME



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# WHAT IS KNIFE CRIME



**Any crime involving a knife or  
sharp / bladed instrument**

# HEADLINES



CheshireLive 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

**Three 16-year-olds arrested on suspicion of murder after man dies in Winsford**

BBC News Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Winsford murder arrests: Two more teenagers held by police**

CheshireLive Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Winsford murder probe sees sixth teenager arrested**



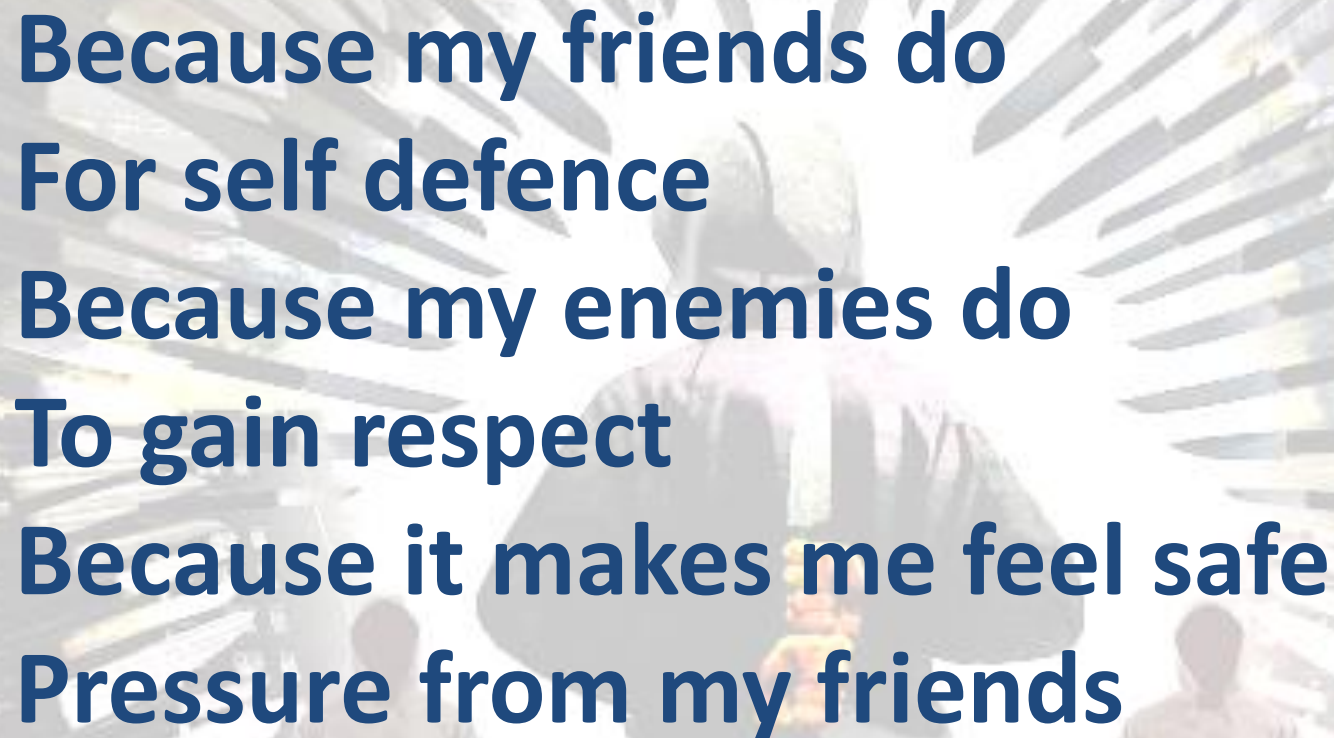
# IT IS ILLEGAL

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

# BANNED KNIVES



# WHY CARRY A KNIFE



Because my friends do  
For self defence  
Because my enemies do  
To gain respect  
Because it makes me feel safe  
Pressure from my friends

# THE RISK

**You are 3 times more likely to be injured with a knife if you carry a knife yourself**

**Large numbers of people who are injured with a knife, are injured with their own knife**



# KNIVES SEIZED



# THE LAW

## Section 139 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988

Outlines the offence of possession of a bladed or pointed article in a public place

“any article which has a blade or is sharply pointed, including a pocket-knife if the cutting edge of the blade exceeds 3 inches / 7.62 cm”

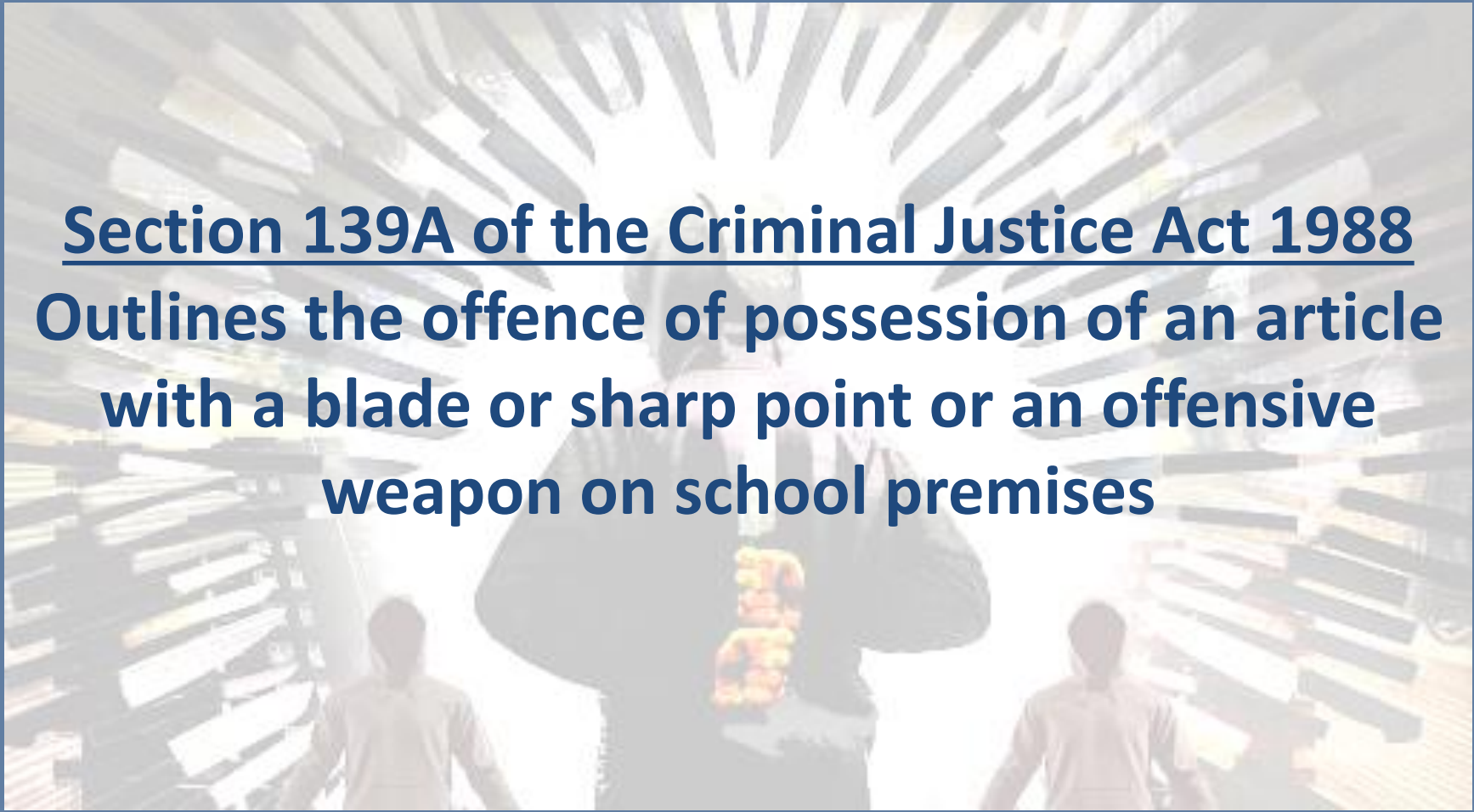
# THE LAW

## Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953

Outlines the offence of possession of an offensive weapon in a public place

“any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him, or by some other person

# THE LAW



**Section 139A of the Criminal Justice Act 1988**  
**Outlines the offence of possession of an article  
with a blade or sharp point or an offensive  
weapon on school premises**



# THE CONSEQUENCES

**Up to 4 years imprisonment**

**Minimum of 4 month detention and  
training order**

**Youth Caution**

# THE CONSEQUENCES



# JAYNE'S STORY

<https://youtu.be/NYmrg0iU4wg>



# HELP



Cheshire Police, Tel: 101  
If an emergency, Tel: 999



Crimestoppers,  
Tel: 0800 555 111



ChildLine,  
Tel: 0800 1111

