

Knife crime

Prevention and safety tips

Information

Many people feel threatened if knives are used in a fight.

What to do and not to do in a public place:

- > Leave your knife at home, so you won't be tempted to use it.
- > Bear in mind: it may be a criminal offence to simply carry a knife.
- > Knives for self-defence are not a good idea. You are more likely than not to be stabbed with your own knife.

Threatened with a knife? Here's what police say:

- > Facing someone with a knife? Do not seek confrontation, just run away.
- > Do not hesitate to call the emergency telephone number, 110.

If you spot someone pulling a knife, follow police advice:

- > Witnessing a knife attack? Do not put yourself at risk,

Keep your distance and call 110. Getting help quickly can save lives.

Important bit of information:

Even small knives can do a lot of damage and cause serious, even lethal, injuries. Getting cut or stabbed in the arms or legs can kill you in a matter of minutes.

More information

See [this](#) for more details.

- Crime prevention advice from Federal and state governments [knives can kill](#)

- NRW Police web site: [Weapons law](#)

- [Info sheet, 'Waffenkalender 2020'](#)

