

Knife crime

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The following documents provide current advice in relation to tackling knife crime.

- [Guidelines on the cautioning and charging of knife crime offences.](#)
- [Home Office \(2022\) Statutory guidance: Offensive Weapons Act 2019, parts 3, 4 and 5.](#)
- [Crown Prosecution Service \(2025\) Knife and other weapons offences.](#) This guidance provides a single source of information using linking and referencing, to support officers and prosecutors dealing with knife crime cases. The guidance:
 - reduces the need for repeated consultations or adjournments to reduce criminal justice delays
 - reduces the time spent researching multiple sources for guidance about knife crime
 - supports effective investigative and decision-making processes

In addition, the College of Policing and NPCC have worked together to develop a [knife crime problem solving guide.](#)

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