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Carrying a knife provides a person with protection



It has been proven that if you carry a knife, you are more likely to be hurt or threatened by someone else. People are often wounded by their own knife they were carrying, putting them at greater risk.

Most young people carry knives



Actually, 99% of young people DO NOT carry knives. Sometimes it may feel like more people carry knives because of stories they've heard, or what they have seen online, on social media or in the news.

If it is illegal to carry a knife, then other sharp objects can be carried for protection



Any sharp object that is being carried with the intention of using it in a threatening way could be classed as an offensive weapon.

There are safe places on the body to stab someone



Any stab wound could be fatal for a number of reasons. For example, major arteries run across the whole body. If a major artery is severed, that person will bleed very quickly and it could be fatal within 5 minutes.