



## National Surrender and Compensation Scheme for ninja swords

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Dear schools and colleges,

This is a letter from West Midlands Police to let you know about the new ninja sword legislation and surrender scheme.

New laws come into force on 1 August, effectively outlawing ninja swords.

Before the new laws are enforced, a national Surrender and Compensation Scheme will run from 30 June to 31 July 2025.

The surrender scheme will allow people to hand in knives that fall within the new legislation at police stations, in return for an application for compensation. You can view all of the guidance and the form on the government website, which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ninja-sword-surrender-and-compensation-scheme>.

Or you can access information about the scheme by scanning this QR code:



The legislation outlaws the manufacture, supply, sale, possession and importation of ninja swords, from 1 August 2025.

The new legislation is commonly known as Ronan's Law, named in memory of Ronan Kanda who was tragically murdered in Wolverhampton in June 2022. His killers used a ninja sword to inflict his injuries and as a result, Ronan's family have campaigned tirelessly since his death to change the law around the possession and sale of knives, especially ninja swords.

We want to reassure you that West Midlands Police officers are working round the clock to keep everyone safe and are on hand to deliver knife crime inputs to your pupils and students.

We think it is unlikely that one of your pupils will ask you about the scheme, but some pupils might already know and want to print off a compensation form at school. It's important to let pupils know that they should not bring knives or weapons into school. A list of police stations open to the public are listed on the second page of this letter.

We have included some helpful advice below around disposing of knives and how to talk to them about knife crime.

### **How to have a conversation about knife crime with your pupils:**

1. Find a quiet and comfortable time to chat.
2. They might be reluctant to talk to you. So, use a recent news event as a conversation starter.
3. Discuss knives and how you both feel about them being used – you're there to listen and support them.
4. Tell them even when they feel they don't have choices, they do.
5. Explain that knives do not give protection. Carrying one could bring a prison sentence or risk getting hurt yourself.

6. Say the bravest thing to do is walk away from a dangerous situation.
7. Explore excuses for your students to walk away, e.g., picking up a little brother from school, running errands for their family, meeting a mate, or attending a sports club.
8. Reassure them that most people do not carry knives.

### **How we are protecting young people:**

A number of initiatives are underway across local communities to tackle knife and weapon related crime.

Some examples are:

- Police and community-led weapons sweeps in parks and open spaces. This aims to recover weapons hidden for use in offences.
- Test purchase operations and responsible retailer visits to ensure stores are complying with the law on the sale of knives.
- A strong focus on the identification, arrest and management of offenders who use knives.
- Proactive police operations within key locations in the community to identify and tackle weapon related crime.
- School and college engagement to ensure students are informed of the law, risks and consequences of carrying knives. This is being supported within secondary schools and colleges with the delivery of random knife bar searches.

### **What to do if you are concerned about a young person:**

Speak to them calmly and explain the risks and consequences of carrying a knife.

You can visit <https://lifeorknife.west-midlands.police.uk/> to learn more and to hear from Ronan's sister about the devastating impact of knife crime.

You may wish to contact a member of the Pastoral Team at school if you feel your child isn't listening or is at risk. You can reach out your school's officers to seek advice. They can talk through your concerns and plan a way forward together.

Anyone can dispose of a knife discreetly and anonymously at a [weapon surrender bin](#). If you or your students are aware that other young people in school or the community are carrying weapons, you should contact the police directly on 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency). If a crime is taking place or a life is in danger, call 999 immediately. Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or via [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

Thank you.

West Midlands Police.

## **Locations to surrender a sword or knife:**

### **Birmingham Local Policing Area**

- Bournville Police Station, 341 Bournville Lane, Bournville, Birmingham B30 1QX - Opening times: 8am-10pm
- Stechford Police Station, 338 Station Road, Stechford, Birmingham B33 8RR - Opening times: 8am-10pm
- Sutton Coldfield Police Station, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2NR - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Coventry Local Policing Area**

- Coventry Central police station, Little Park Street, Coventry CV1 2JX - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Dudley Local Policing Area**

- Brierley Hill police station, Bank Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3DH - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Sandwell Local Policing Area**

- West Bromwich police station, Moor Street, West Bromwich B70 8HS - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Solihull Local Policing Area**

- Solihull police station, Homer Road, Solihull B91 3QL - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Walsall Local Policing Area**

- Bloxwich police station, Station Street, Walsall WS3 2PD - Opening times: 8am-10pm

### **Wolverhampton Local Policing Area**

- Wolverhampton police station, Metro One Campus, Bilston Street, Wolverhampton WV1 3AA - Opening times: 8am-10pm

