

# West Midlands Police Knife Crime Campaign

## Either way he's not coming home

Most people in possession of knives are young men aged 15-19. These knives, which are predominantly kitchen knives, are then used in robbery or violence.

The latest campaign called "Either way he's not coming home" appeals to mothers of these young men to have a conversation with their sons about the dangers of carrying a knife

### Warning signs

There are 10 warning signs below that can be passed on to parents:

1. Has your child withdrawn from the family and/or school?
2. Is your child's school or college reporting worrying changes in behaviour, academic achievement or attendance?
3. Has he or she lost interest in positive activities such as sports clubs?
4. Does he or she stay out unusually late without giving a reason and is vague about his/her whereabouts?
5. Has he or she stopped seeing old friends and started hanging out with a new group?
6. Are they secretive about the contents of their bag?
7. Are they defensive if you ask what is in their possession or if they're hiding anything?
8. Has their attitude changed about carrying knives/weapons? For example, justifying it by saying people carry them for self defence?
9. Have any items gone missing from the kitchen, tool box or garage?
10. Have you found a weapon hidden amongst their possessions?

