

<b>OBJECTIVE</b>	To explore the statistics and facts surrounding knife crime in Scotland (or specific locality).
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	Cards on following page
<b>TIME</b>	Allow 15 minutes to 30 minutes.
<b>CORE EXPERIENCE AND OUTCOMES:</b>	HWB 3-01a HWB 3-16a
<b>METHOD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Split the class into groups of three.</li><li>• Explain that each group will be given three cards. Two cards will be 'true' and one will be 'a lie.' (See cards appendix.)</li><li>• Allow them time to discuss their answers and then feedback their two truths and a lie.</li><li>• Announce which were true and which were a lie, allowing room for class discussion.</li><li>• Hand out the next set of cards and continue.</li><li>• Allow discussion at the end to explore any surprises, disagreements or comments.</li></ul>

## TOP TIP...

Have some cards that explore other youth issues such as drinking, drug abuse, friendship, and peer pressure as well as some funny cards.

## POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

- Are you surprised at how many lives are lost through knife crime?
- Are the sentencing / sanctions for carrying a knife strict enough?
- If you were First Minister what would you do to tackle knife crime?

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ASSESSMENT

- Teacher observations of group discussion and quality of feedback given.
- Peer assessment of statement cards and feedback sessions.

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## TRUTHS

- You can legally buy a knife at 16 (18 elsewhere in the UK).
- You are more likely to be injured by a knife if you carry one.
- There is more knife crime in Glasgow than in London.
- Aberdeen is Scotland's second most violent city.
- Edinburgh is Scotland's safest city.
- An offence committed at 14 can affect your future.
- Knife crime affects the entire community.

## LIES

- Knife crime levels are twice as high in Scotland than in England.
- Carrying a knife will only get you a police caution.
- There are safe areas on the body that you can be stabbed.
- Your criminal record is wiped at 16.
- The children's panel have very few powers.
- Only those directly involved in knife incidents are affected i.e. the victim and the offender.