

# Responsible Retailer Agreement on the Safe Storage and Sale of Knives

## Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

**This agreement is a commitment of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Violence Reduction Alliance to the reduction and prevention of knife crime across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. The purpose of this agreement is to promote the responsible retailing of knives and to prevent people under the age of 18 from acquiring them**

By signing this agreement, I commit to being a responsible seller of knives and to comply with the following:

- I agree to store and display knives safely and securely so they cannot be stolen or used as a weapon against staff or someone else.
- Staff will operate a strict Challenge 25 age verification policy. A customer attempting to buy knives or other bladed items who appears to be under 25 years old must be required to provide valid photographic identification for verification.
- I agree to prominently display Challenge 25 posters explaining age verification to customers and to make it easier for staff to check for proof of age.
- I will ensure that all staff are fully trained in the selling of knives, using the ASSESS-CHALLENGE-CHECK process. A training record, signed by the employee, will be kept.
- I understand that I am able to refuse a sale to anyone if I am concerned that the knife will be misused, or if they appear to be drunk, agitated or aggressive.
- I agree to follow the good practice guidance supplied to the business as part of this Responsible Retailer Agreement.
- I agree to share relevant knife crime intelligence with appropriate agencies in line with the good practice guidance.

I agree to explain this agreement to staff and to ensure, to the best of my ability, that anyone working at the business complies with its requirements.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Proprietor / Manager



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Printed: .....

Date: .....

Establishment: .....

Address: .....

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Contact details: .....

Email: .....



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