

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

This agreement is part of the shared commitment of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime [MOPAC], the Metropolitan Police Service and London Trading Standards to the reduction and prevention of knife crime in London. The purpose of the 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