

Seniors

FEARLESS & CRIME



GET INVOLVED



45 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

AIM

Reporting crime can be challenging. We all have choices on if we report a crime or not, and those choices have consequences. How can we make the right decision? A partnership activity card with Fearless, part of Crimestoppers.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- > Fearless Scenario Cards
- > Flipchart & Pens
- > Access to a Screen & Speakers
- > Fearless Leader's Info Sheet



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THEME: SHAPING OUR WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

Print off the Fearless playing card and cut these into their individual cards. You'll also need to ensure you have a screen and speakers ready for the activity.

For more information about the Fearless service please visit the website <https://fearless.org>, and read the Fearless information sheet for leaders, included in this activity, before the session.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Split into three groups. Place the scenarios cards face down and each group should pick one to discuss. If there are only a few of you, work on each scenario together as one group.
- 2 Think about what choices someone in that scenario could make. Groups should have 10 minutes to discuss and write down all the options. The options you come up with may not be what you would do, but what choices are available for any young person in that situation.
- 3 Once the ten minutes are up, come back together to discuss your thoughts as one big group. Whilst discussing, think about the consequences of some of the choices being made.
- 4 Below are some questions to guide your discussions and cover key points:
 - What is dangerous about this situation?
 - What would be the best way to keep yourself safe in this situation?
 - What impact do you think this would have on the community?
 - Would you report this? If yes, who to and if no, why not?
- 5 Once you have discussed some places to report, watch the '**How Fearless Works**' video (<https://youtu.be/ssXIZ51f5nl>), introducing the Fearless anonymous crime reporting service.
- 6 Remember, you always have options, but each option will have consequences so it's important to consider this. When making a choice however, your personal safety has to come first. You should only intervene in a situation if it is safe to do so and in an emergency, always call 999.

What Would You Do Playing Cards: You could expand this activity by downloading Fearless.org's playing cards, providing you with 52 scenarios to discuss and reflect on. Download these at <https://fearless.org/en/professionals/resources/downloads>



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Follow Fearless on social media for more crime reporting content. You can find them on TikTok, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

This activity may lead to disclosures from young people. It is important that any disclosures made to you are followed up through BB Safeguarding procedures. Visit <https://boys-brigade.org.uk/safeguarding>

FEARLESS

INFORMATION SHEET FOR LEADERS

WHAT IS FEARLESS?

Fearless.org is the dedicated youth service from the independent charity Crimestoppers. Developed through consultation with young people, Fearless aims to break down any barriers that might prevent young people from reporting crime. Whether this is a fear of the process or a distrust of the Police, we want to empower young people to speak out. We do this by promoting our unique service that gives anyone the opportunity to speak up to stop crime, 100% anonymously.

HOW IT WORKS?

Young people can pass information about crime to Fearless 100% anonymously via an online form on the Fearless.org website or by calling our 0800 555 111 phone line, 24/7, 365 days a year. After receiving the call or a completed anonymous online form, we create a report that brings together all the information given to us.

Our specially trained contact centre staff make sure it doesn't contain any information that could identify who or where the information came from, protecting their anonymity.

The sanitised report is then sent to the relevant authority with the legal responsibility to investigate crimes, make arrests and charge people in order to bring them to justice. This could be a local police force or an agency such as the UK Border Agency or HM Revenue & Customs.

ANONYMITY PROMISE

We guarantee to young people, indeed everyone, that:

- They can give us information about crime without giving their name or any personal details.
- They will not be asked for their gender or age.
- We will not record any personal details they might mention.
- We physically cannot trace their phone number, email or IP address as our system is designed to protect their identity.

For more information about Fearless, their work and resources to help share key messages with young people, visit www.fearless.org

SCENARIO 1

**A TEACHER FINDS A KNIFE
IN YOUR BAG AT SCHOOL.
IT'S NOT YOURS BUT YOU
KNOW WHO PUT IT THERE.**

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



SCENARIO 2

**YOU'RE WORRIED THAT
THE HOUSE DOWN THE
ROAD IS BEING USED BY
DRUG DEALERS.**

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



SCENARIO 3

**YOUR FRIEND TELLS YOU
THAT SOMEONE WILL BE
PUTTING A LARGE SUM OF
MONEY IN THEIR
ACCOUNT FOR THEM TO
HOLD TEMPORARILY.**

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



DID YOU KNOW?

- The Fearless crime reporting service provides 100% anonymity. Being anonymous means that your identity is completely unknown.
- Hundreds of thousands of people contact our charity with crime information every year. This information – given 100% anonymously – has a huge impact on making communities safer.
- Research finds that 99% of young people do not carry knives. What we see online or hear in the news may make it appear that knife crimes amongst young people are happening more than they are.
- Child Financial Exploitation is the action of using a young person's bank account to move money obtained from illegal sources, usually without the young person knowing where the money has come from. Money laundering can carry a prison sentence of up to 14 years.

SCENARIO GUIDE FOR LEADERS

SCENARIO 1

A TEACHER FINDS A KNIFE IN YOUR BAG AT SCHOOL. IT'S NOT YOURS BUT YOU KNOW WHO PUT IT THERE.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Choices:

- 1) Tell the teacher whose knife it is.
- 2) Don't say anything, you don't want to be a snitch.
- 3) Lie about whose it is.
- 4) Speak to someone else about it, a trusted adult.

Consequences:

- 1) May prevent yourself from getting in trouble and allow you to get access to help and support.
- 2) May end up in trouble for a crime you didn't commit. Carrying a knife is against the law, even if it isn't used.
- 3) Could get someone else in trouble and have a huge impact on their future.
- 4) The trusted adult could provide further help and safety.

SCENARIO 2

YOU'RE WORRIED THAT THE HOUSE DOWN THE ROAD IS BEING USED BY DRUG DEALERS.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Choices:

- 1) Contact the police on 101.
- 2) Tell a trusted adult.
- 3) Go and investigate yourself.
- 4) Gather evidence, take photos etc.
- 5) Do nothing, it's none of my business.
- 6) Report it to Fearless.org.

Consequences:

- 1) Police can investigate further.
- 2) They can provide support with reporting it on to the correct person / authority.
- 3) This may put yourself in danger.
- 4) Evidence can be shared with relevant authorities. Could put you in danger.
- 5) The crime continues and may get worse, impacting others negatively.
- 6) Reporting anonymously keeps you safe whilst ensuring the police know about it and can take action.

SCENARIO 3

YOUR FRIEND TELLS YOU THAT SOMEONE WILL BE PUTTING A LARGE SUM OF MONEY IN THEIR ACCOUNT FOR THEM TO HOLD TEMPORARILY.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?



Choices:

- 1) Tell a trusted adult.
- 2) Give advice to your friend that it doesn't sound legitimate.
- 3) Find out more from your friend, where is the money coming from and why is your friend involved?
- 4) Do nothing, it's none of my business.

Consequences:

- 1) They may have more knowledge about what is happening and be able to help your friend.
- 2) Your friend might not realise that this could be the proceeds of crimes. Educating them could keep them safe.
- 3) Finding out more information about the situation can help you make better decisions on what to do next.
- 4) How would we feel if we knew this information, did nothing and something bad happened to our friend? Reporting is not snitching, it's being a good friend.