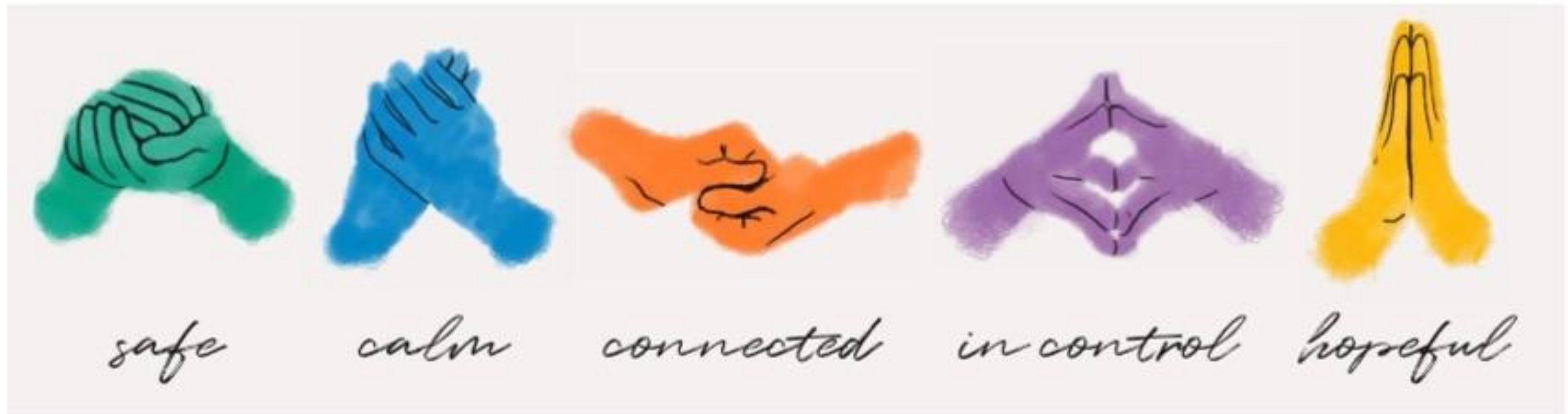


The background features a series of overlapping, angular geometric shapes in three colors: light blue, bright yellow, and dark blue. These shapes are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some shapes appearing to be layered on top of others. The overall composition is modern and abstract.

Knife Crime

Wellbeing



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Teenagers are worried about becoming victims of violence

56%

Have seen violence online

35%

Have come across content involving weapons

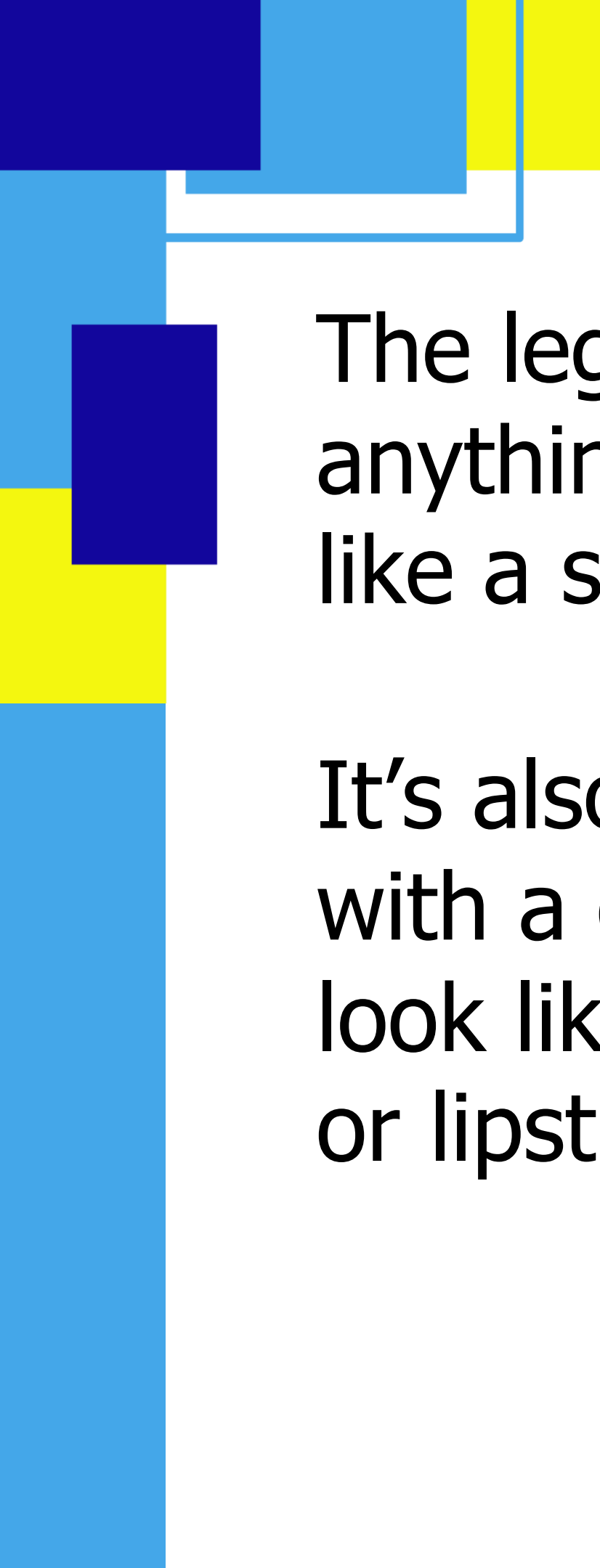
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Knife crime is simply any crime that involves a knife.

This includes:

- carrying a knife or trying to buy one if you're under 18.
- threatening someone with a knife.
- carrying a knife that is banned.

In the UK, it is strictly illegal for anyone under 18 to buy any kind of knife, and it is illegal for anyone of any age to carry a knife in public.



The legal definition of an offensive weapon includes anything intended to be used to harm another person, like a sharpened comb.

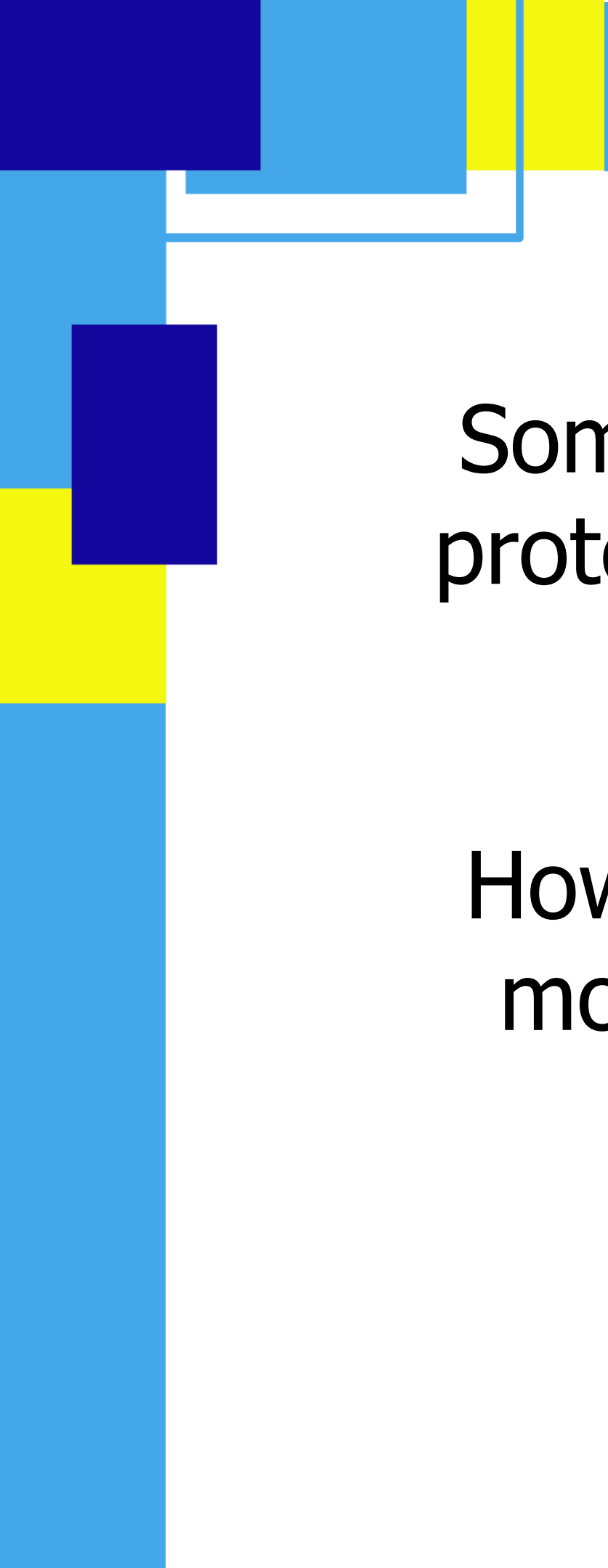
It's also illegal to carry a 'disguised knife' – anything with a concealed blade or sharp point that's made to look like an everyday object (like a pen, cigarette lighter or lipstick).

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Why do young people carry a knife?

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Some young people say that they carry a knife for protection or to make them feel safer, even though they wouldn't think of using it.

However, research has shown that you're actually more likely to become a victim of crime if you're carrying a knife.

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I really do think
we should leave.

No, let's watch
what happens.

Am staying to
record it. Get on
TikTok, mate.

Stay, please.
They might get
you next time.

Come on, let's
just ignore it

Let's find
someone else to
help.

Am better than
this. Am going.

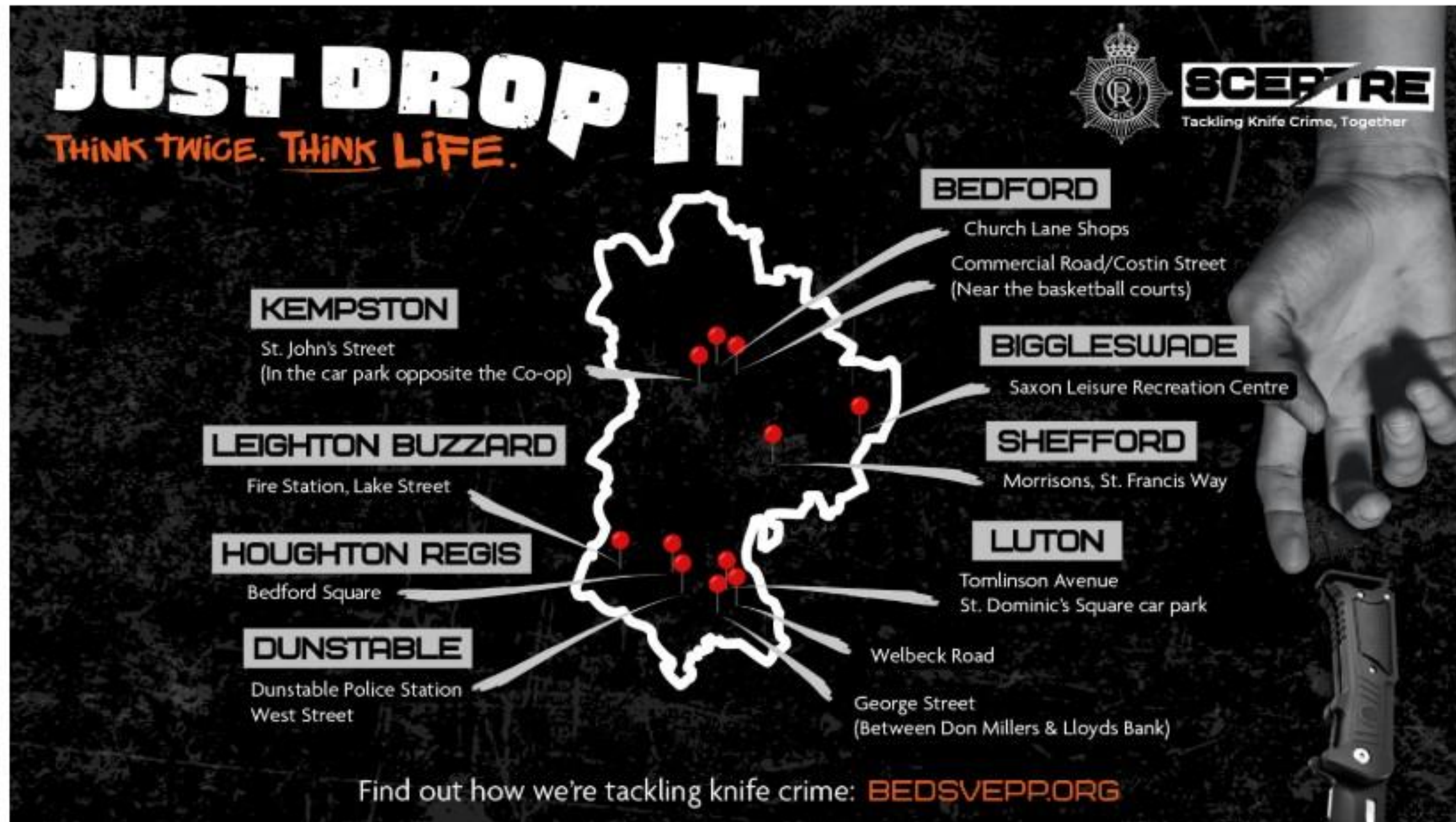
We can't go.
Everyone will
think we are
grassing.

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Who can you speak to if you need help or support?

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THINK: SAFE

S

SPEAK

Are you worried about plans that are being made amongst friends?
Has someone said or done something that you feel worried about?

Speak with a trusted adult and they can help you. Always speak with a trusted adult about any plans you make, and make sure they always know where you are.

A

ADVICE

Ask for advice from a Parent/carer, teacher or Childline.

Are you being asked to do something that makes you uncomfortable? Is there something that doesn't feel right? Everyone needs advice sometimes. You're not by yourself and help is available. Speak to a trusted adult or contact Childline on 0800 1111.

F

FRIENDSHIP

Friendships should be positive, caring and respectful. Friends should be there to support each other.

A certain amount of conflict in any friendship can be normal, and disagreements do happen even with really close friends. But if your friends are taking part in an unsafe situation and asking you to do the same, this is not something a friend should do. Speak to an adult you trust straight away and get some support.

E

ENVIRONMENT

Everyone has the right to a safe environment.

If you're out with friends, or in an environment that seemed positive, but now may not be safe, make contact with a trusted adult. Make plans with your trusted adult in advance so you know what to do if you need help.



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Write a letter to Biggleswade or the location of your home e.g Dear
Dunton

What do you see?

What do you want to see?

What's it like? What could it be like?

How can we bring about change?