

Advice to parents, guardians and teachers – offensive weapons in a public place or school

In light of a recent incident at a Queensland school in which a young student lost his life, ACT Policing's Crime Prevention Team is issuing the following advice to all parents, guardians and teachers in relation to the penalties which apply to the possession of an offensive weapon in a public place or school.

ACT Policing treat seriously the carriage of any such weapons for any reason.

Possession of offensive weapon in public place or school

A person shall not, without reasonable excuse, have a knife or offensive weapon in his or her possession in a public place or school.

Maximum penalty: \$1000, imprisonment for 6 months or both.

A person who has on his or her person an offensive weapon in circumstances indicating intent to use the weapon to commit an offence involving actual or threatened violence, is guilty of an offence punishable, on conviction, by a fine of \$2 000, imprisonment for 1 year or both.

If you are aware of anyone having in their possession a knife or an offensive weapon in a public place or school report it immediately to a teacher, a parent or call police on 131-444, or Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

If you are being threatened by someone with a knife or offensive weapon, or see someone being threatened, call Triple Zero immediately.

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