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Project 10

Introduction

This booklet is about you and for you. Project Ten is a series of sessions which teach you about your rights and responsibilities.

When you were much younger, you were cared for by your parents or carers. As you grow older, you may be noticing that more is expected of you. This is true for everyone. We all live in communities of families and individuals. In order for us all to be happy and safe, communities need rules. The rules are made by the government as laws. Laws are there for everyone to understand what is right and wrong, how to respect each other, and how we should behave. We all need each other to make our communities work for everyone. You can help yourself and those around you by knowing the law and supporting the Police.





Ten things you need to know about your legal rights and responsibilities.

1. You can be the victim of a crime at any age, this includes unborn children, babies, children, and young people. There are times when you might not know or feel like you are a victim of a crime, when others groom or trick you. The Police are there to help you and all of us.
2. Everyone needs to be safe at home. If you or someone living with you, doesn't feel safe, or feels controlled, or is being made to do things they don't want to do, this is domestic abuse. You all need help.
3. If anyone is hurting you physically, sexually, or emotionally, they are abusing you, even if it is someone you know or love, it is still abuse. You have a right to be safe. This includes being safe from sexting, online abuse, cyber-bullying, sexual/drug exploitation.
4. Any abuse and attacks on people are illegal, those which are racist, homophobic, about their faith, or their disabilities, are hate crimes. You have a right to be you, without fear.
5. **Ten years is the age when you are held to be responsible in law for what you say and do. If you break the law, you risk getting a criminal record, which will affect your opportunities in life in the future.**
6. We all need to control ourselves. If you damage buildings, or cars, or the environment, or take risks, you will be seen as responsible for what you have done, it will be reported, and you may be charged, by the Police.
7. Taking anything that doesn't belong to you, without the owner's permission, is stealing. Stealing is a crime.
8. The laws for the sale and use of alcohol and drugs keep us all healthy and safe. Using, transporting, and selling drugs and legal highs, are dangerous for you and for those around you. The misuse of alcohol and drugs destroys lives: your life, your family's life, and the lives of people in the community who may be affected.
9. It is illegal to carry and threaten people with a knife or a weapon. Knives and weapons kill people.
10. We all need each other. You can help yourself and those around you by knowing the law and supporting the Police. If a crime is happening, or you or someone is being hurt, call 999 for immediate help or 101 to report it.





Session 5: What is the age of criminal responsibility?

Someone has taken a whole box of doughnuts that did not belong to them. This is stealing and is a crime
Have a look at each of the people who could have done it
Do you think they should be reported to the police for it?
If it was...



Write your answer here.

In this session we will:



- Find out about the age of criminal responsibility
- understand what this might mean for us
- learn how to take responsibility for our actions

Definition:



- Rights: a moral or legal entitlement to have or do something
- Responsibility: a moral or legal duty to behave correctly towards other people or something

Activity:



- Which are rights and which are responsibilities?
- Which of these are rights for children?
- Which of these are responsibilities of children?
- Which of these are only the responsibilities of adults?

To pick up litter	To be educated
To put my own litter in the bin	To go to school
To be kind to others	To relax, play and join in activities
To respect others	To be loved and respected
To report crimes	To help other people
To have enough food	To be safe and free from harm
To stop someone bullying another person	To listen to others
To have access to proper medical care	To a clean environment in the home, at school, in the street, wherever you are
To be heard/listened to	To be a good citizen



Session 5: What is the age of criminal responsibility?

What does the law say?

- The age of criminal responsibility in England and Wales is 10 years old.
- This means that children under 10 can't be arrested or charged with a crime.
- The rules are different in Scotland.



Children over 10 years of age

- Children between 10 and 17 years, can be arrested and taken to court if they commit a crime.
- They are treated differently from adults and are:
 - dealt with by youth courts
 - given different sentences
 - sent to special secure centres for young people, not adult prisons

Young people aged 18 years

- Young people aged 18 are treated as an adult by the law.
- If they are sent to prison, they'll be sent to a place that holds 18 to 25-year-olds, not a adult prison. If their sentence is long, they may later be transferred to an adult prison.

What does this mean for you if you are 10 years old?

Let's
discuss...

What do these words mean? How might they help you to avoid getting involved in crime? Write a sentence next to each one

Instincts ...

Feelings ...

Conscience ...

Morals and values ...

Senses ...

Right and wrong ...





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Be a good citizen: Design a poster that shows at least one way to be a good citizen.

