

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister provide the data collected in relation to knife crime (possessing a knife or use of a knife) in schools for each of the last 5 years and is it her assessment that these figures indicate the incidence of possession and use of knives in schools is a cause for concern?”

Answer

The requested data has been provided below.

The very low numbers support that this is not a significant cause for concern, and islanders can be reassured that Jersey is a safe place to live, and to attend school.

Knife-related incidents at schools, by year

Knife-related incident logs have remained relatively consistent since 2020, with all years having between 5 and 8 incidents – apart from 2022 which appears to be an outlier with 4 incidents.

The below data captures all incident logs from 01/01/2020 to 01/10/2025, in which there is any reference to a knife and the location is recoded as being at a school.

It is important to note that where an ‘incident’ is recorded, this does not equate to a prosecution or conviction.

Indeed, in most cases, the incident was resolved by the school, with words of advice being given to the children involved alongside their parents – this is dependent on the school's policy. One incident from 2024 went to parish hall and a written caution was given.

Year	No. of incidents
2020	7
2021	6
2022	4
2023	8
2024	5
2025	7

Public Order Law Offences

The new Public Order (Jersey) Law 2024 was enacted on 18th October 2024 to include Article 7(1) – "A person who has an offensive weapon in a public place or on **school premises** commits an offence." The introduction of this legislation therefore makes possession of a knife or bladed article on school premises a specific offence under law.

Since its introduction on 18th October 2024, just 2 offences at a school have been recorded under Article 7(1) of the Public Order Law.

The Community Policing Team work closely with Secondary Schools and have delivered educational inputs to a small number of Schools who have reported an issue or concern.

Numbers within the Island remain very low. It is important to note that all incidents are exclusive possession of a knife with no injuries being recorded.