



KNIVES AND BARS DON'T MIX!

Grampian Police and Pubwatch are re-launching their KNIVES AND BARS DON'T MIX campaign to tackle the issue of offensive weapons being carry in licensed premises. Metal detectors purchased through the Moray Community Safety Partnership have been in place at Elgin licensed premises since Oct 2005 in a bid to deter the problems faced elsewhere in Scotland.

In the first three months of the initiative there were no incidents involving weapons within the town centre in comparison to five over the same period the previous year. This campaign is being re-launched as part of the Safer Scotland Campaign targeting violent crime across Scotland.

Moray Crime Reduction Officer Constable Adrian Moar said:

“Knife crime in particular has been a major issue elsewhere in Scotland. The intention in re-launching this initiative is to send out a very clear message that carrying a weapon is totally unacceptable and will not be tolerated in Moray. The consequences of using a knife or an weapon can be tragic.

“Moray does not have a significant problem in comparison to other areas of Scotland but this cannot allow us to be complacent. Around half of all murders in Scotland involve a knife and unfortunately crime that takes hold elsewhere in Scotland can over time find its way into Moray. ”This initiative is about early intervention and sending out the message at as early a stage as possible that the Police and License premises in Moray will not tolerate the carrying of weapons. I would also ask members of the public to assist the Police in identifying individuals believed to be carrying weapons of any kind.”