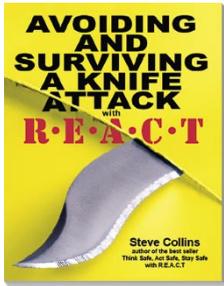


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Want to cut knife crime? Educate the victims!



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The following article appears on the current Security Oracle website:-

Could you survive an unremitting attack delivered by a desperate, and non-remorseful street marauder wielding a razor sharp blade? Well, I did just that, but for 90% of us the answer to that question would be NO! Unless you respond with your ego, that is.

The knife is a primitive edged tool that has been lacerating and puncturing human flesh for thousands of years, and will continue to do so if for no other reason than, it's a low cost and convenient intimidation device that can almost guarantee consistent and bloody results. It is not surprising therefore that such a primitive tool sits very comfortably within the primitive minds of those that carry them on our streets.

The nation should be mortally embarrassed that in the 21st century the British people have allowed the horrendous decline in values and discipline to ravage our streets and terrorise our citizens. The whole country is in the grip of horrifying weapons related violent crime.

Even the sugar coated police and government statistics on reported

knife attacks are appalling.

There are hundreds of thousands of men, women and children in the UK who may have never been attacked but are still literally living in fear of street violence. Every day there are people who are forced to come to terms with the thought that today could be the day when it's their turn to become yet another police statistic.

The government of course will set up yet another working party, another study group, another committee and spend countless millions just trying to understand the problem before they even start to implement proposals that might, or might not solve it. The police will try and get tougher; and more people may end up in prison, but at what cost, and who picks up the tab? The victims, that's who. It all burns up more and more resources and will, by its very nature almost certainly take a colossal amount of time.

In the interim however, the brutal reality is that the next innocent victim laying on a hospital bed or worse a mortuary slab with a knife stuck in their guts 'HAD NO TIME!' No time for the governments study group to come up with a new law. No time to call 999 and wait for the police to come to the rescue, and no time to try and re-educate the 12-year old kid that stabbed them.

If you become a victim you are in the moment, you are on your own in a wilderness of fear and pain.

Huge amounts of government resources are being poured into trying to educate and give the perpetrators' of these crimes other life style options and rightly so. However, I do not believe there is one single penny being invested into trying to educate

the victims and give them options on what they can do to avoid and survive dire life threatening situations.

Ok, so that's my little rant, but it takes me right back to that first question... Could you survive an unremitting attack delivered by a desperate, and non-remorseful street marauder wielding a razor sharp blade? The answer should be and could be YES! If a tiny fraction of the time and funds that are being poured into trying to educate the perpetrators were diverted into educating the victims our streets would be much safer places to be. Take note I said educating, and that does not mean teaching people how to fight. On the contrary, every citizen in this country should have access to information that helps them to understand the threat and give them options on what they can do to avoid and survive a knife attack.

Many of these sentiments are covered in a new book by Steve Collins. He believes that this new publication could prove to be a major educational resource in the fight against knife crime.

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