

Year 8 CRE – Crime

Key Words

Innocence
Legal
Illegal
Rights
Communities
Poverty
Sentence
Mitigating
Punishment
Society

Example of a small change that have a huge impact to the justice system

The murder of Stephen Lawrence changed the shape of our laws. Before 2003 someone could not be tried (sent to court) to face charges for the same crime twice. Due to the errors made in the investigation of Stephen Lawrence's murder, double jeopardy has been permitted in England and Wales in certain (exceptional) circumstances since the Criminal Justice Act 2003.

New laws are always needed to move with our changing society. For example, up skirting is now illegal. This was not illegal in the decades passed because the technology was not there.

Key Facts

- A life sentence is a minimum of 15 years
- 1 out of 3 crimes are an accident
- 4 out of every 10 deaths are caused by crime
- 1 in every 4 persons are involved in crime

Key Questions

Should life mean life?

Why do people commit crime?

How should people who commit crime be punished?

Should people who commit crime be helped?

How does crime impact society?

Do we all have a part to play in tackling crime?