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A teenager has been arrested and a knife seized following a foot chase in east London.

Officers from the Mets Violent Crime Task force were on patrol in Vicarage Lane E6 at around 01:00hrs on Wednesday, 13 January when they noticed a male acting suspiciously in the street.

When officers approached the male made off.

He was pursued by officers and detained in Becket Ave E6.

A search was conducted and a knife seized.

The 17-year-old was arrested on suspicion of possession of an offensive weapon and remains in custody at this time.

Sergeant Ben Mullender, of the Met's Violent Crime Taskforce, said: "There can be no excuse for someone to be carrying a knife like this on our streets.

"My officers in the Violent Crime Taskforce are relentless in their efforts to tackle knife crime and thanks to them another weapon has been removed from the streets that may otherwise have been used to harm someone."

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If you have any information about knife crime, please contact police or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 – your anonymity is guaranteed. They are a totally independent charity and you remain 100 per cent anonymous, they never ask your name and they cannot trace your call, your IP address or device you use. Alternatively, visit their website <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>.

No detail you might have is too small - every bit of information helps towards the fight against knife crime in London.

It can feel like a hard call, but it could save a life.

If you are worried about someone you suspect may be carrying a knife or other weapon, advice and support is also available through organisations including Knife Free <https://www.knifefree.co.uk/get-help-support/> and Fearless: <https://www.fearless.org/en>

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