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New Government proposals will restore common sense to sentencing of criminals: more dangerous offenders will receive life sentences and knife-wielding youths will face prison.

- **‘Two strikes’ and you’re out.**

We are introducing a ‘two strikes’ policy so that a mandatory life sentence will be given to anyone convicted of a second very serious sexual or violent crime.

- **Prison for knife crime.**

Any adult convicted of using a knife to threaten and endanger will go to jail and we propose that any 16 or 17 year old will face a custodial sentence for the same offence.

- **Common sense in sentencing.**

We are ending the practice of releasing dangerous sexual and violent offenders halfway through their sentence. Those who have been convicted of the most serious crimes in this category will not be released before the end of their sentence without Parole Board approval.