

## Reducing Violent Crime While Reducing Risk

Violent guns and knife crimes are skyrocketing around the world, and traditional police pat-down techniques – often seen as the most dangerous part of an officer’s daily activities – haven’t stemmed the increase.

In the UK, for example, an April 2025 article in *The Standard* cited a UK government [National Statistics Office report](#) showed a continuing increase in knife crimes throughout Britain, with statistics such as:

- Crimes involving knives or sharp instruments in 2024 increased by 2% (to 54,587 offenses), compared with the previous year (53,413 offenses)
- One third of UK knife crime happens in London, with an offense every 30 minutes.

The UK government is well aware of the issue. [In a speech last fall](#), UK Home Secretary Yvette Cooper set a goal of reducing knife offenses by 50% within a decade.

During the last half of this year, Lassen Peak’s [AirFrisk™](#) technology will begin helping police, military and corrections organizations stop and reverse the global upward trend in violent crime. Packaging non-invasive airport body scanning technology in a handheld device, AirFrisk enables officers to thoroughly search subjects for weapons from up to eight feet away, virtually eliminating risk, privacy and civil rights concerns.

“We’ve had a huge response to our demonstrations from virtually every large policing organization in the world because AirFrisk improves safety, preserves privacy, and enables key improvements in policing procedures,” said Lassen Peak CEO Hatch Graham. “We’re starting pilots in a few months with some of the largest police agencies in the world, representing over 125,000 officers, and we’ll expand from there.”

After seeing a demonstration of AirFrisk, the Rt Hon Chris Philp, 2024 U.K. Minister of Crime publicly endorsed it and estimated it could reduce knife crime in London by 30%. In addition, Lassen Peak has gained support from

across the public policing, military, media and civil rights communities with an advisory board that includes 20 current and former senior officials at these organizations.

Watch this space to stay on top of Lassen Peak's non-invasive search technology and our perspective on how we help address safety and civil rights challenges while improving police operations.