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Staffordshire Police Alert – Gel Guns

Staffordshire Police are issuing a warning following recent incidents involving so-called toy gel guns.

Over the last two months, we have dealt with 10 incidents involving gel guns being used in an anti-social manner.

They are typically sold as toys and are used to shoot pellets made of gel and water.

They are becoming increasingly popular on social media sites and are being used by young people in public places – which is causing concern both in the local community and across the police force.

Due to their appearance, we've received a number of reports where they have been mistaken as actual firearms – prompting us to send armed officers to the scene to investigate.

We've also had reports that people are using them to deliberately cause panic and alarm by shooting them at strangers in the local area.

While using these types of toy gun may seem like a bit of fun, we would like to emphasise the risk involved in using them publicly and the disruption it has caused to both the force and local communities.

If used recklessly, they can still cause injury to people and may result in you being arrested if you are caught with one.

Even though you may see them on social media, it still doesn't mean you should be using one.

If you know someone who may have access to a gel gun and has been posting about it online, you can report this to us by calling 101 or messaging us using Live Chat on our website – www.staffordshire.police.uk

Local officers will be engaging with schools and pupils around the dangers of these gel guns as we continue to put a stop to anti-social behaviour in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire.

