Spina bifida occurs when a baby is still in the womb and is known as a neural tube defect which can affect the brain. Very often these cases lead to termination, stillbirth, Some protection can come from folic acid, naturally present in some foods, cereals and wholemeal bread. the Department of Health has been advising pregnant women to take New research suggests as many as 28% of women ignore the advice and don't take folic acid while pregnant. for bread and since then have seen a dramatic fall in babies developing these defects. If the UK had adopted a similar policy, researchers say that since 1998 more than 2000 cases would have been avoided. pregnant when we have around 50% of pregnancies in this country that

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It was always a tall order that would need a massive sustained campaign over and over again. No government has really tackled that head-long. Successive governments have been advised to follow the US example and The Department of Health has said they are still considering the latest recommendations. A new film has been released this morning by the police, giving the public information about what to do in the event of a gun attack. though detectives say the chances of being caught in similar situations are very unlikely. has been issued with a record fine, #60 million. We have not seen anything like that before. It is