

WEAPON CRIME

WHAT IS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON?

WHERE IT HAS NO INNOCENT PURPOSE

A sword, flick knife or knuckle dusters have no innocent purpose so are automatically offensive weapons. An ordinary razor has an innocent purpose of shaving so it is not automatically categorised as an offensive weapon, however it can be classed as an offensive weapon if it is used any of the following two ways:

WHERE IT HAS BEEN ADAPTED

TO CAUSE INJURY

Examples of this could be a bottle that has been deliberately broken, a potato with a razor blade inserted into it, or an unscrewed pool cue.

WHERE INTENTIONS ARE TO CAUSE

INJURY OR THREATEN SOMEONE

Something that is not automatically offensive or that has been adapted, but is intended to be used for the purpose of causing injury or threatening someone. (for example, a work hammer, a stone etc).



KNIVES

WHICH OF THESE

ARE BANNED IN THE UK?

Flick knives

Where the blade is hidden inside the handle and shoots out when a button is pressed.

Sword sticks

A stick or cane containing a concealed blade.

Kyoketsu-shoge

Hook-knife attached to a rope, cord or wire.

Butterfly knives

Where the blade is hidden inside a handle that splits in two and open like wings.

Shuriken

Also known as 'death stars', 'ninja stars' or 'throwing stars'.

Kusari-gama

Sickle attached to a rope, cord or wire.

Disguised knives

Where a blade is hidden inside a belt buckle or fake mobile phone etc.

Hollow kubotan

Cylinder-shaped keychain holding spikes.

Butter knife

The kind you use for eating your dinner with.

Gravity knives

Requires gravity to open its blade from within the handle.

Pen knife

With a folding blade 3 inches long (7.62cm) or less.

Kusari

Weight attached to a rope, cord or wire.

Push Knives

A short-bladed dagger with 'T' handle, the blade sticks out between your fingers.

KNIFE AND OFFENSIVE WEAPON QUIZ

How old do you have to be to buy a knife that is not banned in the UK?

14 years old

16 years old

18 years old

20 years old

What makes an object such as a hammer, pool cue or a legal knife become an offensive weapon?

Intending to hurt someone with it.

Intending to scare someone with it.

Carrying it around for protection.

Adapting it so that you can cause harm.

What percentage of young people who go to A&E for a knife wound have been stabbed with their own knife?

10%

30%

50%

70%

What is the maximum prison sentence for carrying an offensive weapon in public?

1 year

2 years

3 years

4 years

GUNS AND FIREARMS

DID YOU KNOW?



It is an offence to be in possession of a firearm, a shotgun or dangerous air-weapon and certain ammunition without a certificate or to be in possession of a banned weapon.

Only some air weapons which meet specific low damage requirements do not need a license. For further clarification ask the police or a licensed gun dealer.

GUNS AND FIREARMS QUIZ

How old do you have to be to buy or hire a legal firearm in the UK?

- 15 years old 16 years old 17 years old 18 years old

Where can you shoot a legal firearm?

- In a public place. On private land without owners permission. On private land with owners permission. Next to a road.

If you are aged 14-17 which of these can you do?

- Have an air rifle in a public place without supervision of somebody aged 21 or over. Use an air rifle, without supervision, on private premises where you have permission.

If you are under 14 which of these can you do?

- Use an air rifle under the supervision of someone aged 21 or over, on private premises with the permission from the land owner. Buy, hire or receive an air rifle or its ammunition as a gift, or shoot, without adult supervision.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE

CARRY A WEAPON?



There are many reasons why someone might decide to carry a weapon. If you have ever carried a weapon put an 'X' in any of the boxes that apply to you.

- For protection To be cool To steal Peer pressure To intimidate
 Out of fear For a friend For revenge To gain respect To go shooting

IF THERE WAS ANOTHER REASON

NOT LISTED

FILL IN THE BOX



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WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE

OUTCOMES OF CARRYING A WEAPON



1 CRIMINAL RECORD

Getting arrested and a criminal record that could affect your whole life; future job prospects, going to college or university and travelling abroad.

2 PRISON

For illegal possession of a knife you can go to prison for up to 4 years and get a £5,000 fine. Illegal possession of a gun is minimum 5 years.

3 SENTENCED

If you stab somebody and they die, you will face a life sentence and be in prison for a minimum of 25 years. If you kill someone with a gun the minimum time is 30 years.

4 JOINT ENTERPRISE

You can be found guilty of murder if you are part of a group and someone in that group kills someone with a weapon or by some other means. Or, if you knew that the person was going to use violence or that they were carrying a weapon and you didn't report it.

5 YOU INJURE OR KILL SOMEONE

Even if you never wanted to hurt anyone with your weapon, carrying one means that there is every chance that you could injure or kill someone. **What if it was your friend or family member?**

6 YOU GET HURT

Carrying a weapon means you are more likely to attract trouble and you could easily have your weapon turned on you causing you injury or death.

If you choose to carry a weapon, you put your future in danger. If you don't take it with you, it won't be used.

NOW LETS HERE FROM YOU

Name _____

Date _____

How did you find this session? Good Alright Bad

Did you learn... Something useful A little Nothing

