
















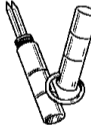


# BANNED OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

**NO EXCUSE. KNOW THE LAW**

Offensive weapons which are designed to kill or inflict serious injury are banned except in exceptional circumstances and also restricted from being imported into the UK.

Some of these items are listed below.

-  **Curved Sword;** a sword with a curved blade of 50 centimetres or over in length; and for the purposes of this sub-paragraph, the length of the blade shall be the straight line distance from the top of the handle to the tip of the blade.
-  **Blowpipe/Blow Gun;** a hollow tube out of which hard pellets or darts are shot by the use of breath.
-  **Knuckleduster;** a band of metal or other hard material worn on one or more fingers, and designed to cause injury, and any weapon incorporating a knuckleduster.
-  **Footclaw;** a bar of metal or other hard material from which a number of sharp spikes protrude, and worn strapped to the foot.
-  **Shuriken/Death Star;** a hard non-flexible plate having three or more sharp radiating points and designed to be thrown.
-  **Kusari Gama;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at one end to a sickle.
-  **Handclaw;** a band of metal or other hard material from which a number of sharp spikes protrude, and worn around the hand.
-  **Flick Knives;** any knife that opens automatically from a closed position, or partially opened position, to a fully opened position by means of any manual pressure that is applied to a button, spring or other device which is contained either within the knife or is attached to the knife.
-  **Balisong/Butterfly Knife;** a blade enclosed by its handle, which is designed to split down the middle, without the operation of a spring or other mechanical means, to reveal the blade.
-  **Kyoketsu Shoge;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at one end to a hooked knife.
-  **Belt Buckle Knife;** a buckle which incorporates or conceals a knife.
-  **Manrikigusari/Kusari;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at each end to a hard weight or hand grip.
-  **Push Dagger;** a knife the handle of which fits within a clenched fist and the blade of which protrudes from between two fingers.
-  **Swordstick;** a hollow walking-stick or cane containing a blade which may be used as a sword.
-  **Cyclone/Spiral Knives;** a weapon comprised of a handle with a blade with two or more cutting edges, each of which forms a helix and a sharp point at the end of the blade.
-  **Telescopic Truncheon;** a truncheon which extends automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to its handle.
-  **Zombie Knives;** a knife with a cutting edge, a serrated edge and images or words suggesting it is used for violence. All elements need to be present.
-  **Hollow Kubotan;** a cylindrical container containing a number of sharp spikes.

Border Force monitors and controls imports of firearms (including their component parts), ammunition and offensive weapons into the UK across all modes of transport and international mail. If you fail to meet the relevant legal requirements, the item will be seized by Border Force. You may also be arrested and prosecuted for importing the item illegally into the UK and/or possessing the item illegally in the UK. **The maximum prison sentence is up to 10 years.**

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