



- **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.



- **Kusari Gama;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at one end to a sickle.



- **Shuriken/Death Star;** a hard non-flexible plate having three or more sharp radiating points and designed to be thrown.



- **Kyoketsu Shoge;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at one end to a hooked 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.



- **Manrikigusari/Kusari;** a length of rope, cord, wire or chain fastened at each end to a hard weight or hand grip.



- **Swordstick;** a hollow walking-stick or cane containing a blade which may be used as a sword.

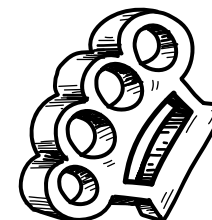
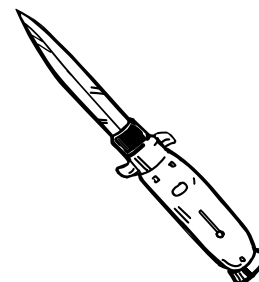
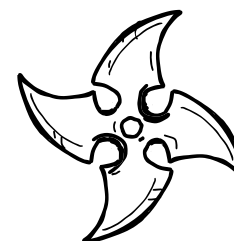
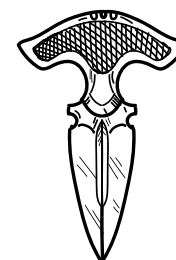
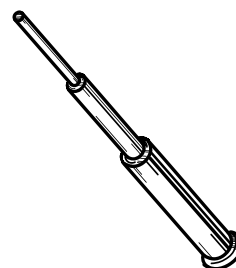


- **Telescopic Truncheon;** a truncheon which extends automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in or attached to its handle.



- **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.

Searching a property? Think offensive weapons!



The following sections of the offensive weapons act 2019 will commence 14th July 2021

Section 43 Flick Knife definition amendment

Now includes any knife which opens automatically from a closed or partially closed position to a fully opened position by means of manual pressure applied to a button, spring or other device either within or attached to the knife.

Previous definition - device has to be in or attached to handle.

Section 44 Prohibition of possession in public or private of flick and gravity knives

Existing defences remain (Museums/galleries for cultural, artistic or educational purposes).

Other sections of the act will commence at a later date

Section 46 Prohibition on the possession of offensive weapons

Section 46 of the OWA 2019 makes it an offence to possess in private certain weapons, things like knuckledusters, flick knives and zombie knives.

In England and Wales, a private place is a place other than:

- a public place
- school premises
- further education premises, or
- a prison

Summary offence – 6 months &/or fine (will be extended to 51 weeks once 281 (5) CJA 2003 is in force).

Defences

Defences under section 141 Criminal Justice Act 1988 apply and antiques over 100 years are exempt.

Section 47 adds new defences for some articles such as Kirpans and Katars (Sikh ceremonial weapons) to enable possession in private for religious reasons and to enable them to be presented. Antiques over 100 years are also exempt.

Offensive Weapons Act 2019 – Possession in Private section 46



- **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.



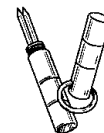
- **Handclaw**; a band of metal or other hard material from which a number of sharp spikes protrude, and worn around the hand.



- **Belt Buckle Knife**; a buckle which incorporates or conceals a knife.



- **Push Dagger**; a knife the handle of which fits within a clenched fist and the blade of which protrudes from between two fingers.



- **Hollow Kubotan**; a cylindrical container containing a number of sharp spikes.



- **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.



- **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.

Find out more

cps.gov.uk/legal-guidance/offensive-weapons-knives-bladed-and-pointed-articles

When searching, remember to consider additional intelligence opportunities around packaging and suppliers.