

# KNIFE CRIME:

## DO YOU KNOW THE FACTS?

WHAT ARE THE LAWS?

**4 YEARS** is the maximum prison sentence for possessing a knife in a public place

**6 MONTHS** is the mandatory minimum prison sentence if you are found to be carrying a knife for a second time

If you threaten another person with a knife, there is a mandatory minimum custodial sentence of six months and a maximum of four years.

**‘JOINT ENTERPRISE’** you can be prosecuted under this law if you are present when someone is injured or killed by a knife. Even if you did not commit the act itself, you can be seen as equally guilty of someone’s death because you were part of it, encouraged it, or didn’t try to stop it from happening.

# DO I OWN AN ILLEGAL WEAPON?

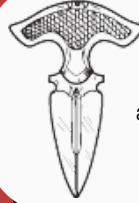
## Flick Knives

Also known as 'gravity knife' or 'switch blade'. A knife where the blade opens automatically or is released from the handle, either by gravity or by pressing a button or something else on the knife.



## PUSH DAGGER

A knife where the handle fits within a clenched fist and the blade comes out from between two fingers.



## Knuckle Dusters

A band of metal or other hard material that's worn on one or more fingers, including any weapon that incorporates a knuckleduster.



## ZOMBIE KNIFE

A curved blade of 50 centimetres or over, based on the straight-line distance from the top of the handle to the tip of the blade.



## Shuriken

A hard non-flexible plate with three or more sharp radiating points, designed to be thrown.



## TELESCOPIC TRUNCHEON

A truncheon that extends automatically by pressing a button, a spring or other device that's in or attached to the handle.



Under The Offensive Weapons Act 2019, it is now illegal to possess certain weapons in private places, including your home.

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