

A STREETWISE GUIDE TO OFFENSIVE WEAPONS



What is an offensive weapon
What happens if you are caught with an offensive
weapon
How can I stay safe?

What is an offensive weapon?

An offensive weapon means any article made or adapted for causing injury, or intended to cause injury.

It's the Law!

Did You Know?

That an offensive weapon is any bladed or sharply pointed instrument.*

Did You Know?

That things classified as offensive weapons can be carried in certain circumstances:

- at work
- for religious reasons
- weapons worn as part of national costume

Did You Know?

That antique weapons become offensive weapons if carried in a public place with the intention to cause injury.

That a flick knife is an offensive weapon

It's not worth it!

Question: "What happens if you are caught with an offensive weapon?"

Answer: "It depends on the weapon and the circumstances."

Did You Know?

That if you're caught carrying a weapon in a public place it's up to you to show that it wasn't made or adapted to cause injury.

That if you carry an offensive weapon for someone else, you're still breaking the law?

If you are found guilty of carrying an offensive weapon you are liable to: **imprisonment, a fine or both.**

What Can You Do?

Knives and other offensive weapons are a real problem. A lot of people get hurt unnecessarily. What can you do to avoid trouble?

Traveling on public transport

On buses - sit downstairs.

On trains - avoid empty carriages.

When walking

Avoid dark passages or alleys.

Keep to well lit and busy streets and walk boldly.

Avoid trouble

If you see a gang or someone who may be looking for trouble, cross the street to avoid them.

Don't get wound up by insults, don't react or over react.

Don't annoy people who have been drinking.

Don't look someone in the eye - it may look like a challenge.

If you are being followed

Knock at the nearest door and ask the people there to call the police.

If you are attacked

Shout as loudly as you can. Get away rather than get even.

Hand over money or valuables - they can be replaced but scars last a lifetime.

One last word

Why not carry an alarm?

Why not learn self-defence? It will give you more confidence.