

PROHIBITED WEAPONS LEGISLATION –VICTORIA

It is now a legal requirement, in the State of Victoria, for Martial Arts Instructors to obtain a permit for the possession of a range of weapons that are now listed as 'Prohibited'. A complete list of the weapons so 'Prohibited' follows. A permit is obtained by lodging the enclosed application with the Victorian Firearms Registry. With regard to such permits for martial arts instructors the Victorian Firearms Registry has in place an 'accreditation requirement' policy before such permits will be issued. For the purposes of this policy implementation an accredited instructor' is defined as a martial arts instructor who:

- i) is an accredited martial arts instructor with the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (administered by the Australian Sports Commission) or
- ii) is an accredited martial arts instructor with the National Martial Arts Instructors Accreditation Scheme (administered by the MAIA) or
- iii) is an accredited martial arts instructor with the Australian National Training Authority and is so qualified as a trainer under the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Act 1990.

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- ❑ **"Flick knife"**, being a knife designed or adapted so that the blade is concealed when folded or recessed into the handle and which opens by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the knife.
- ❑ **"Dagger"**, being a sharp pointed stabbing instrument (other than an oyster knife), ordinarily capable of being concealed on the person and having—
 - a flat blade with cutting edges (whether serrated or not serrated) along the length of both sides; or
 - a needle-like blade, the cross section of which is elliptical or has 3 or more sides, **but not including instruments such as swords or bayonets.**
- ❑ **"Knuckle knife"**, being an open or exposed blade or similar instrument attached to a handle that is designed or adapted to be held between the knuckles (including the device commonly known as the **"Urban Pal Knife"**).
- ❑ **An article that is designed to include a concealed knife or sword blade**, including but not limited to—
 - a belt or similar article designed or adapted to hold a knife, dagger or similar instrument so that the presence of the knife, dagger or similar instrument is concealed or disguised as part of the belt or similar article when it is worn (for example an article known as the **"Bowen Knife Belt"**);
 - a **"swordstick"**, being a cane, stick or similar article designed or adapted to hold the blade of a sword so that it is concealed from view until withdrawn from the cane, stick or article;
 - a **"riding crop"** designed or adapted to hold a blade or spike so that it is concealed from view until withdrawn from the crop.
- ❑ **"Butterfly knife"**, being a knife with a 2 piece handle that folds together to cover both edges of the blade whether the blade is serrated or not serrated.
- ❑ **"Double-end knife"**, being a knife that has the appearance of 2 overlapping curved blades joined together so as to form an ellipse shape.

- ❑ **A knife that is designed or adapted so that the blade is concealed by a plastic, wooden or metal sheath which retracts into the handle of the knife** by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the knife (including the knife commonly known as the "**Black Eagle Knife**").
- ❑ "**Push knife**" or similar device designed as a weapon that consists of a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any material that has a handle fitted transversely to the blade or spike and allows the blade or spike to be supported by the palm of the hand so that stabbing blows or slashes can be inflicted by a punching or pushing action.
- ❑ "**Trench knife**" or similar device that consists of a single-edged or multi-edged blade or spike of any material that is fitted with a handle made of any hard substance that can be fitted over the knuckles of the hand of the user to protect the knuckles and increase the effect of a punch or blow, or that is adapted for such use.
- ❑ "**Throwing blade**", being a knife or axe of any material that is designed or modified to be thrown.
- ❑ "**Ballistic knife**", being a device or instrument designed or adapted to fire or discharge a knife, dagger or similar instrument by mechanical, percussive or explosive means.
- ❑ "**Non-metal/ceramic knife**", being a knife, blade or spike of which no part is metallic, excluding plastic cutlery.
- ❑ **A crossbow** that is reasonably capable of being—
carried or concealed about the person; and
raised and discharged by one hand.
- ❑ "**Blow gun**", being a blowpipe or similar device or instrument designed to propel an arrow, dart or similar projectile by air expelled from the mouth.
- ❑ **A dart designed to be projected from a blowgun** or similar device.
- ❑ **A hunting sling or slingshot designed or adapted to be used with an arm brace** which fits or rests on the forearm to support the wrist from the tension of the elastic material used to propel the projectile (including the device commonly known as the "**Saunders Falcon Hunting Sling**").
- ❑ **A catapult, shanghai or hunting sling (without arm brace described above) that is manufactured and intended for commercial distribution.**
- ❑ **A dart projector** (for example, an article commonly known as the "**Darchery Dartslinger**") or any similar device that is manufactured and intended for commercial distribution.
- ❑ **A slingshot** that is **manufactured and intended for commercial distribution.**
- ❑ An article designed or adapted to discharge **oleoresin capsicum spray**.
- ❑ An article designed or adapted to emit or discharge an **offensive, noxious or irritant liquid, powder, gas or chemical** so as to cause disability, incapacity or harm to another person.
- ❑ **An article designed or adapted to emit an electric current into a human body** for the purposes of incapacitation or injury.
- ❑ **An acoustic anti-personnel device** that is designed to cause permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, or to otherwise physically disorientate a person.
- ❑ "**Shark Dart**" or any other similar device that is designed to expel, on or after contact, any gas or other substance capable of causing bodily harm.
- ❑ "**Extendable baton**", being a baton designed or adapted so that the length of the baton extends

by gravity or centrifugal force or by any pressure applied to a button, spring or device in or attached to the handle of the baton.

- ❑ **"Knuckle-duster"**, being a device or instrument designed or adapted to be worn across a knuckle or knuckles of the hand, finger, fingers or thumb so as to—
 - increase the force or impact of a punch or blow when striking another person with that hand, finger, fingers or thumb; or
 - protect the knuckle or knuckles from injury when striking another person with that hand, finger, fingers or thumb.
- ❑ **"Weighted glove"**, being a glove or any other similar article designed or constructed to be used as a weapon (including a fingerless glove) that has weighted material sown into it to increase the effect of a punch or blow.
- ❑ **"Studded glove"**, being a glove or any other similar article designed or constructed to be used as a weapon (including a fingerless glove), that has a number of raised studs or spikes made of a hard substance and positioned over the back of the glove to increase the effect of a punch or blow.
- ❑ **A mace** or any other similar article capable of causing injury that consists of a club or staff fitted with a flanged or spiked head, other than a ceremonial mace made for and used solely as a symbol of authority on ceremonial occasions.
- ❑ **A flail** or any other similar article that consists of a staff or handle that has fitted to one end, by any means, a freely swinging striking part that is armed with spikes or studded with any protruding matter.
- ❑ **A whip with metal lashes.**
- ❑ **A cat o'nine tails with knotted lashes.**
- ❑ **A hand-held battery-operated article commonly known as a "laser pointer"** designed or adapted to emit a laser beam with an accessible emission limit of greater than 1 mW.
- ❑ An article that consists of a baton or stick constructed in such a way that it can be unscrewed or broken so as to form two or more parts joined by chain, rope or cord, including the martial arts weapons known as **"Baton-chucks"** or **"Bo-chucks"**.
- ❑ A scythe or sickle shaped article designed as a weapon that has a fixed or folding blade, and which may or may not have a chain attached, including the martial arts weapon known as **"Kama"**.
- ❑ An article consisting of a chain, rope or cord with a wooden or metal baton, stick or rod attached at each end, including the martial arts weapons known as **"Kasari-Fundo"**, **"Kusari-Fundo"** and **"Manrikigusari"**.
- ❑ A stick or rod of any material designed as a weapon to be applied to the pressure points of the human body, including the martial arts weapon known as **"Kubotan"**.
- ❑ An article designed to be attached to, or worn on the hands or feet, that has claws attached, including the martial arts weapons known as **"ninja climbing claws"**, **"ninja hand claws"** and **"ninja foot claws"**.
- ❑ An article that consists of two sticks, rods or batons joined by a cord, rope or chain including the martial arts weapon known as **"Nunchaku"**.
- ❑ **"Sai"** or **"Jitte"**, being a short, tapered, metal rod, dull at the point, with flared metal prongs guarding the handle.

- ❑ An article consisting of a curved blade pointed at both ends with a handle attached to the middle, including the martial arts weapon known as "**Suan Ywe Gou**".

- ❑ An article consisting of a blade or blades with cord, rope or chain attached for the purpose of enabling the blade to be thrown and retrieved, including the martial arts weapon known as "**Shoge**", "**ninja Kyokeysu-Shoge**" or "**Kyotetsu Shoge**".

- ❑ "**Throwing star**", being a sharpened star-shaped article designed for throwing, including the martial arts weapon known as "**Surikan**", "**Suriken**" or "**Shaken**" (including where the throwing star is attached to a belt-buckle).

- ❑ An article consisting of a handle and an edged blade, joined by chain or a combination of chain and metal pieces or steel rods, designed to be used as a whip, including the martial arts weapon commonly known as "**Chinese whip**", "**Whip spear**", "**7 piece iron chain**", "**9 piece iron chain**", "**Bian Tzu Chiang**" or "**Lien Tzu Chiang**".

- ❑ The martial arts weapon known as a "**Butterfly Sword**".

- ❑ The martial arts weapon known as a "**Tonfa**".