

LICENSING OF KNIFE DEALERS

MANDATORY CONDITIONS FOR KNIFE DEALERS

In these conditions “customer” means a person who buys, hires, borrows or otherwise acquires any article listed in section 27A(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 from a dealer.

1. The dealer must make detailed written records on the day of the transaction with a customer and retain such records for a period of 3 years from that date stating the following information:-
 - (a) The identity of the customer and the means by which the customer’s identity was verified;
 - (b) The steps taken to establish that the customer was at least 18 years of age at the time of the transaction (including any proof of age or identity sought or the means by which the customer’s age was verified or reasons why such verification was not sought because it was unnecessary); and
 - (c) A full description of the article sold, hired, lent or given to the customer.
2. The dealer must ensure that any article listed on section 27A(2) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 or display of such articles is not visible from the street or any public entrance to the premises.
3. The dealer must display a notice which must:-
 - (a) be displayed at all times in a position which is readily visible to customers at
 - (i) the entry to the premises; and
 - (ii) the point of sale or counter;
 - (b) be at least A4 size and which the lettering must be legible and no smaller than 5mm in height; and
 - (c) contain the following wording:
 - (i) it is an offence to sell to a person under the age of 18 any knife or knife blade (except if the person is aged 16 or over and the knife or blade is designed for domestic use);
 - (ii) it is also an offence to sell to a person under the age of 18 any razor blade, axe, sword or other article which has a blade

or which is sharply pointed and which is made or adapted for use for causing injury; and

- (iii) a customer may be asked to provide details of his/her age and identity (which may be recorded or copied and kept for inspection for up to 3 years).

MANDATORY CONDITIONS FOR SWORDS

1. The dealer must take all reasonable steps to establish from the customer and confirm the intended use of any sword.
2. The dealer must make detailed written records on the day of the transaction with a customer and retain such records for a period of 3 years from that date stating the enquiries made of the customer or other persons or bodies as to the intended use of any sword.