

**THE KNIVES ARE OUT! – AN EXAMINATION OF THE CURRENT POSITION
REGARDING KNIVES/BLADED ARTICLES/OFFENSIVE WEAPONS/CORROSIVE
SUBSTANCES AT THE POLICE STATION STAGE AND AT COURT IN 2025**

**THE FOLLOWING 20 POINTS WILL BE COVERED - YOU COULD BE CALLED UPON
TO ADVISE ON THESE POINTS AT THE POLICE STATION OR AT COURT! – HAVE A
QUICK LOOK AND SEE IF THIS IS A PRESENTATION THAT WOULD BE OF INTEREST
TO YOU**

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20 POINTS

- 1 – The client has a zombie knife under his bed – What is the legal position?
- 2 – The client has a zombie knife outside a nightclub at 2am in the morning – What is the legal position?
- 3 – The client is found to be in possession of a Stanley knife and says that he is a carpet fitter – What is the legal position?
- 4 – The client is found to be in possession of a machete and says that he is on his way to do voluntary work which will involve the clearing of land that is heavily overgrown with weeds etc – What is the legal position?
- 5 – The item in question was found in the glove compartment of the client's car – can it be said in these circumstances that the client is in possession of the item?
- 6 – The client says that he put the item in question into his coat pocket – he very rarely wears that coat and had simply forgotten that the item was still there – What is the legal position?
- 7 – The client is seen walking along the high Street at midday whilst being in possession of a baseball bat – What is the legal position?
- 8 – The client is outside a public house, he takes a beer bottle from one of the tables and then smashes it and approaches someone – What is happening here in a legal sense?
- 9 – The client is in possession of a pair of knuckle dusters – he says that he is on his way to a fancy dress party and is going as a gangster – the knuckle dusters being merely a prop – What is the legal position?

10 – The client is found to be in possession of a Swiss army knife – What is the legal position?

11 – The client is on his way to a Marshall Arts class and is found in possession of items that will be used during the class – What is the legal position?

12 – The client says that he was not really in possession of the item because it had been handed to him immediately before being restrained/arrested by the police officer – What is the legal position?

13 – The client says that he is on his way to a fancy dress party dressed as a policeman – he's in possession of a truncheon – What is the legal position?

14 – The client is aged 15 at the time of the commission of the offence in relation to the possession of a knife – he has a previous conviction for possession of a bladed article – does the '2 strikes and you're out' rule apply to him? – What is the legal position?

15 – The client is found to be in possession of a screwdriver – What is the legal position?

16 – What is it that makes something a zombie-knife rather than simply a knife?

17 – The client is found to be in possession of a rather powerful drain cleaner – he says that he has just purchased the item from B&Q and is taking it home – What is the legal position?

18 – Where do schools and colleges of further education fit in regarding the definition of whether something is or is not a 'public place'?

19 – 'Without lawful authority' or 'reasonable excuse' – who bears the burden and to what extent must that burden be discharged?

20 – The client accepts that he was involved in the affray but is adamant that he was not carrying a baseball bat – the position of the CPS is that he was carrying a baseball bat – might the difference between the parties be resolved by way of a Newton hearing?

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