

# Possession of dangerous items banned in homes

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Changes to legislation brought about by the Offensive Weapons Act 2019

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In an effort to tackle violent crime, a ban on a wide range of knives, weapons and firearms came into force from 14 July.

This means that some articles that were previously legal to own in the home are now illegal. It's now an offence to keep items such as knuckledusters, flick knives, throwing stars, zombie knives, telescopic truncheons and push daggers in your home.

The law will also change on safe retailing for buying knives in store and online. This provision will commence later in the year.

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