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**WEAPONS ACT 1999**

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REGULATIONS 1999**



## Weapons Act 1999

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Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

### 1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Weapons Regulations 1999*.

### 2. Commencement

These regulations come into operation on the day fixed by proclamation under section 2(1) of the Act.

### 3. Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the contrary intention appears —

“**approved electric shock case**” means a briefcase or suitcase referred to in regulation 6(1);

“**baton**” means a short stick or rod —

- (a) made of any material; and
- (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon,

and includes a bludgeon, club, cudgel, truncheon or the article commonly known as the police nightstick;

“**catapult**” includes a ging, shanghai or slingshot;

“**discharge**” includes to propel;

“**injure or disable**” does not include administer, in good faith and with reasonable care and skill, surgical or medical treatment;

“**martial arts weapon**” means an article made or modified to be used for attack or defence in the practice of a martial sport, art or similar discipline;

“**missile**” includes an arrow, bolt, bullet, dart, knife, shot, spear or any other article made or modified to be discharged from another article so as to injure or disable a person or in the practice of a martial sport, art or similar discipline;

“**spray weapon**” means an article made or modified to be used to discharge a substance in the form of a spray so as to injure or disable a person and includes the substance.

### 4. Prohibited weapons

An article described in the third column of Schedule 1 is prescribed to be a prohibited weapon.

**5. Controlled weapons**

An article described in the third column of Schedule 2 is prescribed to be a controlled weapon.

**6. Approved electric shock case prescribed under section 7(4)**

(1) A briefcase or suitcase —

- (a) made or modified to discharge an electric current so as to deter the theft of the case; and
- (b) that is, or is of a standard or type that is, approved by the Minister, for the purposes of this regulation, by notice in the *Government Gazette*,

is prescribed for the purposes of section 7(4) of the Act.

(2) Section 7(3) of the Act does not apply to a briefcase or suitcase referred to in subregulation (1) if it is carried or possessed by a person for the purpose of being used in lawful defence in circumstances that the person has reasonable grounds to apprehend may arise.

**7. Oleoresin capsicum spray weapon prescribed under section 7(4)**

(1) A spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge oleoresin capsicum is prescribed for the purposes of section 7(4) of the Act.

(2) Section 7(3) of the Act does not apply to a spray weapon referred to in subregulation (1) if it is carried or possessed by a person for the purpose of being used in lawful defence in circumstances that the person has reasonable grounds to apprehend may arise.

**Schedule 1 — Prohibited weapons**

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
1.	Acoustic shock weapon	An article made or modified to be used to emit sound so as to injure or disable a person.
2.	Ballistic knife	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a knife and includes the knife.
3.	Blow pipe	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a missile by air expelled from the mouth and includes the missile.
4.	Butterfly knife	A knife — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) having a 2 piece handle which folds together to cover both edges of the blade; and</li> <li>(b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, and includes the martial arts weapon known as the butterfly knife or balisong.</li> </ul>

<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
5.	Catapult (with an arm brace)	A catapult made or modified to be used with an arm brace that fits or rests on the forearm to support the wrist from the tension of the elastic material used to discharge the missile (e.g. the article commonly known as the "Saunders Falcon Hunting Sling").
6.	Commercially produced catapult (without an arm brace)	A catapult — (a) made or modified to be used without the arm brace referred to in item 5; and (b) made for commercial distribution.
7.	Disguised knife or sword	A knife or sword disguised as part of another article and includes — (a) a knife disguised as part of a belt (e.g. the article commonly known as the "Bowen" knife belt); or (b) a sword disguised as a cane or stick.
8.	Electric shock weapon	An article made or modified to be used to discharge an electric current so as to injure or disable a person but does not include an approved electric shock case.
9.	Electromagnetic weapon	An article made or modified to be used to emit electromagnetic radiation so as to injure or disable a person.
10.	Extendable baton	A baton made or modified 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.
11.	Flick knife or Switchblade	A knife — (a) having a blade that is concealed when folded or recessed into the handle and that 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; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon.
12.	Knuckle dusters	An article made or modified to be worn across the knuckles of a hand so as — (a) to increase the force at the point of impact of a punch or blow when striking another with those knuckles; or (b) to protect the knuckles from injury when striking another with those knuckles.
13.	Knuckle knife	A knife made or modified to be held so that the blade protrudes between the knuckles or fingers of a hand (e.g. the article commonly known as the "Urban Pal" knife).
14.	Pistol crossbow	An article made or modified to be used with one hand to discharge a missile by an elastic force across a stock grooved to direct the missile and includes the missile.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
15.	Spray weapon (not oleoresin capsicum)	A spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge a substance other than oleoresin capsicum.

## Schedule 2 — Controlled weapons

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<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
1.	Approved electric shock case	Any approved electric shock case.
2.	Baton flail	An article consisting of 2 or more batons joined by a cord, rope or chain so as to form a flail and includes — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the martial arts weapon known as the nunchaku; and</li> <li>(b) a baton constructed in such a way that it can be unscrewed or broken to form a flail.</li> </ol>
3.	Bow	An article made or modified to be used to discharge an arrow by an elastic force and includes the arrow.
4.	Crossbow	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a missile by an elastic force across a stock grooved to direct the missile and includes the missile.
5.	Dagger	A sharp pointed stabbing knife having — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) a flat blade, exceeding 8 cm in length with non-serrated cutting edges along the length of both sides; or</li> <li>(b) a needle-like blade, the cross section of which is elliptical or has 3 or more sides,</li> </ol> and includes a bayonet.
6.	Double end knife	A knife — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) having fixed blades at both ends of the handle; and</li> <li>(b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, (e.g. the martial arts weapon known as the suan ywe gou).</li> </ol>
7.	Fixed baton	Any baton other than an extendable baton or a baton flail and includes the martial arts weapon known as the tonfa.
8.	Halberd	An article (other than a spear) — <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) consisting of a stick or pole with a blade at the end; and</li> <li>(b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, (e.g. the martial arts weapon known as the naginata).</li> </ol>

<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
9.	Hand or foot claws	An article consisting of claws that are made or modified to be attached to or worn on the hands or feet (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the ninja climbing claws, ninja hand claws and ninja foot claws).
10.	Imitation firearm	An article, not being an article that is clearly a toy, that has the appearance of being a firearm but is not capable of discharging a missile.
11.	Metal whip	An article — (a) consisting of or incorporating a chain or a combination of a chain and metal pieces or rods; and (b) made or modified to be used as a whip, (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the Chinese whip, whip spear, 7 or 9 piece iron chain, bian tzu chiang and lien tzu chiang).
12.	Pressure point weapon	An article made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person by application to the pressure points of the human body and includes the martial arts weapon known as the kubotan.
13.	Pronged weapon	An article — (a) having 2 or more prongs; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the sai and jitte).
14.	Sickle or scythe weapon	A sickle or scythe made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the kama and kusarigama).
15.	Spear	Any spear (e.g. the martial arts weapon known as the yari).
16.	Spear-gun	An article made or modified to be used to discharge a spear.
17.	Spray weapon (oleoresin capsicum)	A spray weapon made or modified to be used to discharge oleoresin capsicum.
18.	Studded weapon	An article fitted with raised pointed studs that is made or modified to be — (a) used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon; and (b) worn as an article of clothing, (e.g. a studded glove).
19.	Sword	Any sword (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the butterfly sword, katana and wakizashi) and includes the martial arts weapon known as the tanto.
20.	Throwing blade or knife	A blade or knife made or modified to be thrown and includes an article consisting of a blade attached to a cord, rope or chain so as to enable the blade to be thrown and retrieved (e.g. the martial arts weapon known as the shoge, ninja kyokeysu shoge or kyotetsu shoge).

<i>Item</i>	<i>Article</i>	<i>Description</i>
21.	Throwing star	A sharpened, star-shaped article made or modified to be thrown (e.g. the martial arts weapon known as the shuriken or shaken) and includes a throwing star that is attached to a belt buckle.
22.	Weighted chain or cord weapon	An article — (a) consisting of or incorporating a chain or cord made of any material and weighted at both ends; and (b) made or modified to be used to injure or disable a person or as a martial arts weapon, (e.g. the martial arts weapons known as the kusari fundo, manrikigusari and surujin).

By Command of the Governor,

M. C. WAUCHOPE, Clerk of the Executive Council.

