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What's New

Commencement of the Weapons Prohibition Amendment (Zombie Knives) Regulation 2019

On 28 February 2019 an amendment to the *Weapons Prohibition Act 1998* will commence to include a zombie knife in the schedule of prohibited weapons. See definition below:

A **zombie knife** or other device that has a multi-edged blade, including a serrated section of blade, and:

- (a) is advertised or otherwise made available for sale using images or words that suggest the knife or device is intended to be used for violence, whether actual or threatened, against a person or fictional creature (such as a zombie), or
- (b) has, on the blade or handle, images, words or markings that suggest the knife or device is intended to be used for violence, whether actual or threatened, against a person or fictional creature (such as a zombie), or has been used to inflict violence.

Any person who is currently in possession of a zombie knife will have until 28 February 2019 to either unconditionally or conditionally surrender the knife to their local police.

Members of the public wishing to surrender a zombie knife are advised to make prior arrangements with their local police and place the zombie knife in a bag or wrap discreetly prior to taking the prohibited weapon for surrender so it is out of the view of the general public.

Unconditional Surrender

The item will be surrendered to police for destruction.

Conditional Surrender

The item will be surrendered to police for safe keeping on the condition the person makes application for a Prohibited Weapons permit within 28 days from the surrender date.

Prohibited Weapon Permit

The following categories may be applicable for a person to be considered for the issue of a Prohibited Weapon permit for a zombie knife:

- Weapons Dealer Permit
- Theatrical Weapons Armourer Permit
- General Prohibited Weapons Permit for the genuine reason of:
 - Film/TV/theatrical purposes
 - Weapons Collection
 - Public Museum

The Firearms Registry is communicating the change with all current holders of a Weapons Dealer or Theatrical Weapons Armourer permit. Where the holder of either of these permits wishes to be authorised for zombie knives their current permit will be updated. A subsequent permit will be issued with an effective date of 28 February 2019.

If you would like any additional information please see our Zombie Knives Legislative Amendment webpage at:

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/online_services/firearms/permits/zombie_knives_legislative_amendment or alternatively, call 131 444 to speak to an operator.