



Offensive Weapons Act 2019

2019 CHAPTER 17

PART 3

SALE AND DELIVERY OF KNIVES ETC

39 Delivery of bladed products to persons under 18

- (1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a person (“the seller”) sells a bladed product to another person (“the buyer”),
 - (b) the seller and the buyer are not in each other’s presence at the time of the sale and the seller is within the United Kingdom at that time,
 - (c) before the sale, the seller entered into an arrangement with a person who is a body corporate by which the person agreed to deliver bladed products for the seller,
 - (d) that person was aware when they entered into the arrangement that it covered the delivery of bladed products, and
 - (e) that person delivers the bladed product to residential premises pursuant to that arrangement.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) a person (“A”) is not in the presence of another person (“B”) at any time if—
 - (a) where A is an individual, A or a person acting on behalf of A is not in the presence of B at that time;
 - (b) where A is not an individual, a person acting on behalf of A is not in the presence of B at that time.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(b) a person other than an individual is within the United Kingdom at any time if the person carries on a business of selling articles of any kind from premises in any part of the United Kingdom at that time.
- (4) In subsection (1)(e) “residential premises” means premises used solely for residential purposes.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (5) The circumstances where premises are not residential premises for the purposes of subsection (1)(e) include, in particular, where a person carries on a business from the premises.
- (6) The person mentioned in subsection (1)(e) commits an offence if, when they deliver the bladed product, they do not deliver it into the hands of a person aged 18 or over.
- (7) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (6) is liable—
 - (a) on summary conviction in England and Wales, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction in Scotland or Northern Ireland, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.
- (8) This section is subject to section 40 (defences).