

It's illegal to sell knives and other controlled items to anyone under 18

There are laws which come into effect in Queensland from **1 September 2024** which mean that knives and other items will be considered **controlled items**.

Legal requirements from 1 Sept:

- ▶ You must not sell knives and other controlled items to anyone under 18.
- ▶ Sellers must display signage regarding age restriction requirements.
- ▶ Sellers must not promote or advertise controlled items as 'suitable for combat'.
- ▶ Sellers must securely store particular controlled items prior to sale.
 - ▶ Single-edged knives must not be sold to minors, but are not required to be securely stored, unless this is the policy of your business.
 - ▶ Particular controlled items which are required by law to be securely stored include: double-edged knives, knives with blades at both ends, axes, tomahawks, machetes, sickles, scyths, swords, spears, spear guns and gel blasters which look like real firearms.

Your responsibilities:

- ✔ It is your responsibility to ensure knives and other controlled items are not sold to minors.

If a customer looks under 25, you must ask for proof of age.

- ✔ Alert your manager if official signage is moved or removed.
- ✔ Alert your manager if items are being promoted or advertised illegally.
- ✔ Ensure that particular controlled items are securely stored at all times prior to sale.

Please note that there are legal consequences if you sell a controlled item to a minor, and both the owner and employee can be held liable.

If you don't understand your obligations, it is your responsibility to ask.

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How to check proof of age

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3 steps to check ID:

1. ASSESS

Try to assess the age of the customer and whether there is any chance they are under 25 years. This age buffer allows a margin of error as it can be difficult to visually determine someone's age.

2. ASK

Ask the customer to provide identification which shows their age or date of birth. You should not ask someone's age.

3. CHECK

Take your time to carefully check the ID is valid, current, unaltered, and that the photo matches the person. Ensure you carefully check the age or date of birth.

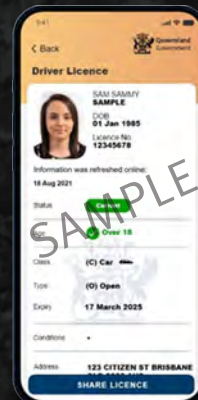
IMPORTANT: Do not complete the sale if the customer refuses to provide ID, the ID looks fake or altered, or you believe they may be under 18. If unsure, please ask your manager for assistance immediately.

Acceptable evidence:

Acceptable evidence of age is a driver licence, proof of age card, or passport, which includes a photo of the person and indicates their age by their date of birth or otherwise that they have attained a particular age.

We only accept the following:

- ✓ Australian photo driver licence
- ✓ Australian or overseas passport
- ✓ Australian proof of age card (formerly 18+ card)
- ✓ A digital copy of evidence that displays their name, photo and date of birth.



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