

Assess your range.

EXEMPT

CONTROLLED

CONTROLLED-SECURED

RESTRICTED

To understand your responsibilities, review your range and determine whether an item is:

- ▶ Exempt
- ▶ Controlled
- ▶ Controlled-Secured
- ▶ Restricted

If unsure, the National Retail Association recommends a risk-averse approach which focuses on the intent of the legislation which is to prevent potentially harmful items from ending up in the wrong hands.

National Retail recommend that businesses should not rely on how the product is named or labelled, and should also check for controlled items in multi-item or toolbox kits.

Consider how an average person (not a specialist or tradesperson) would classify the item, whether it poses danger in the hands of minors or if it was used in a crime, and what is the risk of breaching the law if you classify it incorrectly.

For example, an item may be labelled as a hatchet but most people would still consider this a form of axe, therefore it may be best to treat this as an axe and apply secure storage requirements.

**Need help understanding if your item is impacted?**

Businesses can contact the National Retail Association for industry insight or seek independent legal advice.

**Your responsibilities as a seller:**

Sale to minors under 18 years prohibited.

Staff must be instructed of their obligations, with written acknowledgement.

Sellers must display signage about the legal age restrictions.

Sellers must not suggest or promote item as suitable for combat or violence.

Items must be securely stored prior to sale.

- ▶ Knife with rounded or dull tip (eg. butter knife)
- ▶ Plastic or wooden knife for eating
- ▶ Cheese knife
- ▶ Items that are not likely to be considered knives, such as scissors, shears, secateurs, most shaving razors and replacement blades for box-cutters or scalpels



NO

- Knives with one single-sided blade, such as:
- ▶ Kitchen or steak knife
  - ▶ Utility knife or box-cutter
  - ▶ Fishing knife
  - ▶ Craft scalpel
  - ▶ Cutthroat razor
  - ▶ A single-sided knife within a multi-tool or kit



YES

- A specific list of items are identified:
- ▶ A dagger that has a double-edged blade
  - ▶ A knife (or multi-tool) with a blade at each end
  - ▶ A sword
  - ▶ A machete
  - ▶ An axe or tomahawk
  - ▶ A sickle or scythe
  - ▶ A spear gun or spear

Note: additional bladed items can be prescribed through regulation.



YES

Replica weapons under the Weapons Act 1990.

- Example:
- ▶ certain gel blasters which could be mistaken for a real firearm.

Note: please see Weapons Act 1990 for extensive list of items considered weapons or restricted items.



YES