

Important information for sellers of knives and other controlled items

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 by law 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.

The laws apply to all persons, businesses and places which sell controlled items within or into Queensland, including online and private sales.

Information for business

The National Retail Association has been engaged by Queensland Police Service to assist businesses to understand and prepare for the new laws.

From May to October 2024, the National Retail team are delivering a range of support services for businesses, including a tollfree hotline, factsheets and signage, online webinars, and physical visits to thousands of stores in over 500 shopping centres and retail precincts across Queensland.

More information: Visit the National Retail website for more information about the new laws, online webinars, and a range of factsheets, signage and other resources for businesses.

- ▶ **Business website:**
<https://bit.ly/knifelaws-nationalretail>

Contact us: Businesses can contact the National Retail Association for industry insight and advice.

- ▶ **Email:** policy@nationalretail.org.au
- ▶ **Call:** **1800 571 146** (tollfree business hotline)

Scan the QR code or [download the Guide for Sellers](#) to understand exactly which items are impacted, and your obligations as a seller.

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