KNIVES

Information Sheet

Sheffield City Council

CHALLENGE 21

TO BE READ AND SIGNED BY ALL STAFF

It is an offence to sell to any persons under 18 any knife, knife blade or razor blade, any axe, or any other article which has a blade or which is sharply pointed and which is made or adapted for use for causing injury to a person.

If you are not sure that the customer is over the age of 18 ask for proof of age. We strongly recommend that retailers operate a 'Challenge 21' policy when selling knives. This means that if a customer appears to be under 21 years of age, then ask them to prove they are over 18. Documents acceptable as proof of age must have a photograph of the holder plus a date of birth, i.e., passport, driving licence or an ID card featuring the 'PASS' hologram. If the customer cannot prove that they are old enough, refuse the sale.

It is an offence to market a knife in such a way that it suggests it is suitable for combat or otherwise encourage behaviour involving the use of the knife as a weapon.

It is an offence to sell any flick knife.

NB. This legislation does not apply to folding pocket knives if the cutting edge of the blade is less than 3 inches (7.62cm). Nor is it applicable to replacement cartridges for safety razors, where less than 2mm of the blade is exposed.

REMEMBER - YOU COMMIT AN OFFENCE

If you sell a knife to an under 18.

If you market a knife which suggests it could be used as a weapon.

If you sell a flick knife.

SIGNATURE	DATE	POSITION HELD