



# Prohibited Weapons Exemptions

## Lodges of Freemasons (Clause 21)

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[Schedule 2 of the Summary Offences Act 1953](#) determines the exemptions relating to possession and use of prohibited weapons.

This clause only relates to exemptions for a poniard.

This is a prescribed weapon in the [Summary Offences Regulations 2016](#).

A **prescribed masonic organisation** means –

The Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory Incorporated

or

A Lodge or Order of Freemasons warranted and recognised by the Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia and the Northern Territory Incorporated

or

the Lodge of Freemasons named ‘The Duke of Leinster Lodge’

### **Prescribed Weapons – Lodges of Freemasons etc (Clause 21)**

A prescribed masonic organisation is exempt if it has possession of a prohibited weapon in relation to the use or possession of a prescribed weapon if the weapon –

- is only used at the premises of the organisation for traditional ceremonial purposes  
AND
- when not in use, is kept at the premises of the organisation, in a safe and secure manner  
AND
- is not removed from the premises except for the purpose of –
  - repair, restoration or valuation by a person in the business conducting those functionalities for articles of that kind
  - the transfer of possession of the weapon to another person in the normal course of maintain the collection to a person who is entitled to possession

If this or any other exemption does not apply to your possession and use of a prohibited weapon, consider surrendering the weapon to a police officer.

### **Delivery to Police (Clause 4)**

A person may possess a prohibited weapon if the person is delivering the weapons, as soon as reasonably practical, to a police officer.



If you unlawfully have a prohibited weapon, utilise the clause 4 exemption to deliver the weapon to a police officer.

Compensation is not offered for weapons surrendered through clause 4.

Note – the clause 4 exemption is not available to a person who ceased to be exempt in accordance with previous legislation (reg 7(4) Summary Offences (Dangerous Articles and Prohibited Weapons) Regulations 2000.

