## Survival Defense When Guns Are Not Allowed

In the time before a major crisis occurs, private ownership or use of firearms, <u>bows and arrows</u>, and crossbows may be illegal and banned. As the situation gets worse, the government will impose martial law and confiscate weapons no matter how well you may think they are hidden.

Here are a few <u>weapons that may be overlooked</u> and that can be used to protect your family and loved ones.

## **Edged Weapons**

<u>Edged weapons</u> are the oldest implements used by man. Then, as now, you can make knives and other edged weapons from flint, obsidian, bronze, arsenic copper-bronze, tin-bronze, iron. Today, there are three kinds of steel that you may be interested in:

- Damascus steel originated in India about the 5th century BC. The steel was heated to red hot, hammered, folded, and then quickly cooled in water. This process was repeated at least 500 times. This produced a better weapons grade steel.
- Carbon steel will rust if exposed to air and moisture. The rust if heavy will flake off causing the steel to weaken and break.
- Stainless steel is an alloy with a minimum of 10% chromium by mass. Stainless steel does not rust or stain by water as ordinary steel does. When heated the chromium becomes chromium oxide that acts to form an air and water tight film that seals off the metal. This steel comes in many grades and finishes.

The following edged tools and weapons can be used as a substitute for firearms for protection. All of them can be

dipped in poison so that even a single glancing blow can be a lethal one.



- farming or gardening tools can be used as weapons to protect yourself or the family. The spade, rake, pitchfork, pick, sickle, hand hoe, and garden claw all make excellent choices for either offensive or defensive weapons.
- Bayonets: Either spike or flat knife designs can be used as is or cut back to make push knives. You can also add a set of brass or other metal knuckles by welding it to the shortened bayonet.
- Daggers and Boot Knives: These double edged knives have a blade longer than 6 inches and are used to stick or slash. Most have a skull crusher at the back of the hilt.
- Small Knives: Usually the blades are shorter than 6 inches long and can be a folding or a non-folding version. These knives are good defensive or offensive weapons because they can be "palmed" and used without them being seen.
- Swords: There are two different edge designs for swords. The first is the single edge the other is the double

edge. There are several lengths of swords. The first is the short sword which is 16 to 18 inches long, regular size sword which is 20 to 24 inches long, and the two handed sword that measures over four feet long. The short and the regular size swords can be used for protection and carried inconspicuously, but the long two handed sword is too large to be practical for anything other than staving off an attack on your home.

- Spears: Have a 4 to 6 foot shaft with a metal spear point at the top. These weapons are designed to be thrown or thrusted into a human target.
- Throwing Stars: Are metal shaped stars that have sharpened points that were designed to be thrown at a target and stick into it. In the hands of a trained individual they can kill or do great bodily harm.
- Axes or hatchets: Are used for chopping. Some axes have double or single edges. As a weapon it can be thrown and deliver a bloody crushing wound or blunt trauma if the back blunt end hits first.

## **Blunt Force Weapons**

Blunt force weapons use weight instead of sharp edges to kill or do great bodily harm. Damage to the body is caused by crushing instead of cutting.

- Canes: originally used to steady and help a person in walking. A cane can be used as a nightstick type weapon and can deliver knockout or death blows to the head, break arms or legs, or cause deep blunt trauma wounds to the central body core. Historically the cane sword was a way to carry a sword concealed and at the ready if needed. This weapon is easy to carry in plain sight.
- Clubs: Usually made of heavy wood or metal scrap. These are crushing weapons that break bones or deliver deep trauma to inner organs.
- Bats: Wood or aluminum bats used to play baseball also make a good weapon. A bat can easily break bones or kill

- if they hit the right part of the body.
- Staffs or walking sticks: For thousands of years staffs were a defensive and sometimes offensive weapon for the poor or peasants. An individual who was good with a staff could disarm a person with a sword or a gun.
- Maces: Maces were a medieval blunt force weapon made of steel or other strong metals. It was designed to crush skulls and brake limbs with blunt force. Today it is still a good defensive weapon in times of major crisis.
- Chains: Chains made of steel or other heavy metals can be used as weapons in a defensive roll. They can be made to look like every day clothing accessories such as belts. They can deliver deadly crushing blows or break limbs.
- Slings (2 Cord Type): Is a very old weapon that goes back thousands of years. It is easy to hid or conceal. With a little bit of practice it is possible to hit or kill your target out to 200 feet or better with rocks or scrapes of metal. Slings can be either defensive or offensive weapons.
- Slingshots for stone, metal projectiles, or arrows: Slingshots are no longer a toy. They can be used to hunt small game by launching a ball bearing, rocks, and even arrows with deadly accuracy. This weapon can also be used defensively to protect your family in the absence of firearms.
- Hand to Hand Fighting techniques: There are many forms from boxing to martial arts. Choose the fighting technique that best meets your needs and start studying today. Do not wait until the last moment to start the training.

	Offensive Weapon	Defensive Weapon	Concealable	Open Carry		Non- Lethal	Manufactured	Home Made
Farm Tools	х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	х	Х
Bayonets	х	Х	х		х	Х	х	
Daggers and Boot Knives	х	х	х		х	Х	х	Х
Small Knives	х	х	х		х	Х	х	Х
Swords	х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	х	Х
Spears	х	Х		Х	х	Х	х	Х
Throwing Stars	х	х	х		х	Х	х	Х
Axes and Hatchets	х	Х	х	х	х	х	х	Х
Canes	х	х		Х	х	Х	х	Х
Clubs	х	х	х	Х	х	Х		Х
Bats	х	Х	х	Х	х	Х	Х	Х
Staffs	х	Х		Х	х	Х	х	Х
Maces	х	Х	х		х	Х	х	Х
Chains	х	х	х	Х	х	Х	х	
2 Cord Sling	х	х	х		х	Х		Х
Slingshots	х	х	х		х	Х	х	Х

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In a time when all private firearm ownership is banned or illegal, the above are a few alternatives for weapons that might be put into service to protect your family and loved ones. Almost anything can be used as a weapon regardless of the situation.

As with prisons and jails, you only need a creative mind and the will to have a weapon in order to get around any law or force used to try and take away your ability to defend yourself.

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