



UNION KARATE DO WEAPONS POLICY

Union Karate Do aim to provide a safe and educational way to train with all traditional weapons in self-defence, combinations, drills, and kata. In accordance with guidelines, we are permitted to train with weapons by law for martial arts practice and demonstration, a lawful exception to the **Offensive Weapons Act 2019 under section 139(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988**

INSTRUCTORS

Union Karate Do aim to meet our own set criteria for the welfare of our students to use our weapons safely.

- **All our weapons are always kept in a safe secure location.**
- **We ensure our instructors always have the most up to date training in ALL weapons.**
- **All our instructors correctly monitor that all students are using the weapons correctly and safely. We also ensure adequate space is maintained with our weapons training.**
- **All weapons are checked for defects or malfunctions and go through inspections regularly before and after use. Any defects will be replaced or repaired.**
- **A regular stock check and inspection of all weapons to ensure none go missing and ensure the safety of our students. Any missing weapons will be reported to the authorities.**
- **We ensure that the weapons are used for demonstration and martial arts purposes only in a safe environment.**

STUDENTS






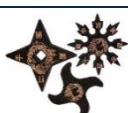





The stipulated criteria must be met by students to use our weapons. A student will not be able to use or practice with the weapons until factors considered by the instructor are met such as:

- **Character of student whilst training with the weapon (discipline, respect, and behaviour)**
- **Grade and experience of the student's martial arts training.**



- The student is only to use the weapons for demonstration and martial arts purposes only.
- Any misuse of the weapons will result that student will no longer be able to continue using the weapons during the session and depending on the seriousness of the misuse they may face exclusion from the club.

UNION KARATE DO WEAPONS INSPECTION AND CHECKLIST

Weapon	Image	Quantity	Last Inspected
Plastic Katana		60	21/02/2024
Wooden Bo Staff		20	17/02/2024
Foam Bo Staff		20	17/02/2024
Sai		4	27/01/2024
Wooden Tonfa		67	12/02/2024
Rubber Ninja Stars		51	30/10/2024
Nun Chucks		61	12/02/2024
Kama		3	12/02/2024
Rubber Knives		31	12/02/2024
Wooden Escrima Sticks		25	30/01/2025
Foam Escrima Sticks		40	30/01/2025

Rubber Gun		1	10/02/2024
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This is the quantity of each weapon that Union Karate Do owns and the dates that each piece of equipment has had its last safety inspection are listed below.

Safe Use of Equipment

- All equipment must be checked regularly for wear and damage.
- Faulty or damaged equipment must not be used and should be reported immediately.

Hygiene & Cleanliness

- All students should maintain good personal hygiene.
- Hand sanitiser will be available and encouraged before and after training with weapons.

Safeguarding & Welfare

- We are committed to the safety of all children and vulnerable persons within the club. **Union Karate Do** follow a strict safeguarding policy, and any concerns should be reported immediately to the **Club Safeguarding Officer (Aaron Blake)**

All **383** of our weapons are kept in a locked secure location, if you have any concerns regarding the safety of our weapons or our policy, please contact the club [07736 936 738](tel:07736936738).

This policy was updated 30th January 2025