

# Air Guns



**The law** about Air Weapons / Guns changed in 2004 because of the steady increase in the number of air weapons and imitation firearms being misused. Young people have injured themselves by accident and others are carrying these weapons to intimidate others.

## **In Public**

If you have an Air Weapon or anything that looks like a gun in public without a reasonable excuse, then you are probably committing an offence and will be arrested. This would include BB Guns.

**You can't get an Air Gun as a present or gift if under 17.**

## **Under 17**

If you are under 17 years old you are NOT allowed to possess any Air Weapon at any time.

## **Presents & Gifts**

If you are under 17 it would also be an offence for someone to give you an Air Weapon or ammunition as a gift.

**No one under the age of 17 will be allowed possession of an air weapon at any time**

There are some exceptions to these rules, which relate to your age, being on private property with the owners permission, being supervised and If you belong to a gun club.

## **Other offences** **Boundaries...**

It is still an offence to fire any missile (i.e. pellet) beyond the boundary of the private land.

It is an offence to fire any firearm or air gun within 50 feet of the centre of the highway. This includes roads, bridle-paths or public footpaths. The offence is complete if a member of the public is injured, endangered or even just alarmed by the incident.

## **Trespassing...**

Simply going onto private land without

**You can't fire the pellets over the boundary fence or near roads or footpaths**

permission is trespass. If you trespass on any land (including on water), or in any building whilst in possession of a firearm, including an airgun then this is a serious criminal offence. You could face up to 6 months in prison.

## **BANNED**

Air weapons that use a self contained gas cartridge (SCGS) are now banned. They cannot be possessed, bought or sold and require a firearm certificate.

**Possession of firearms in a public place**  
- Section 19 The Firearms Act 1968.

**Remember !**  
**Armed police will attend any incident that involves guns**  
***DON'T PUT YOURSELF & OTHERS AT RISK!***