



Courts Act 2003

2003 CHAPTER 39

PART 4

COURT SECURITY

[^{F1}55A Retention of knives surrendered or seized

- (1) This section applies where a knife is surrendered to a court security officer in response to a request under section 54(1) or seized by a court security officer under section 54(2).
- (2) Section 55 does not apply.
- (3) The knife must be retained in accordance with regulations under subsection (5), unless returned or disposed of in accordance with those regulations or regulations made under section 56.
- (4) If a court security officer reasonably believes that a retained knife may be evidence of, or in relation to, an offence, nothing in subsection (3) prevents the officer retaining the knife for so long as necessary to enable the court security officer to draw it to the attention of a constable.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of section 56, the Lord Chancellor must by regulations make provision as to—
 - (a) the procedure to be followed when a knife is retained under this section;
 - (b) the making of requests by eligible persons for the return of knives so retained;
 - (c) the procedure to be followed when returning a knife pursuant to a request made in accordance with the regulations.
- (6) For the purposes of this section—

“ eligible person ”, in relation to a knife retained under this section, means

 - (a) the person who has surrendered the knife under section 54(1) or from whom the knife has been seized under section 54(2), or
 - (b) any other person specified in regulations made under subsection (5);

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- “ knife ” includes—
- (a) a knife-blade, and
 - (b) any other article which—
 - (i) has a blade or is sharply pointed, and
 - (ii) is made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 55A inserted (6.4.2010) by [Coroners and Justice Act 2009 \(c. 25\)](#), **ss. 146(3)**, 182 (with s. 180, [Sch. 22 para. 44](#)); S.I. 2010/816, art. 2, Sch. para. 9

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