



STOPPARED PRODUCTS AND THE LAW

As for the legality of the sprays I would like to reassure you that the simple ownership or possession of our StoppaRed products does not appear to break any laws in the UK at

this time. Please feel free to make your own enquiries and to make your own mind up.

There are three different Acts of Parliament that would control our product if it were indeed illegal.

Section 1 Prevention of Crime Act 1953

- makes it offence to have a weapon designed to cause injury in a public place without lawful authority or a reasonable excuse.

StoppaRed UV does not fall within the definition of a weapon because it is not designed or intended to cause 'injury'.

Section 5 (1) (b) Firearms Act 1968

- makes it an offence to own any weapon that discharges any noxious gas, liquid or other thing. If StoppaRed sprays were indeed Sec 5 Firearms, we would not be able to import them or sell them without a licence. Our products do not contain any noxious substances.

Section 3 Criminal Damage Act 1971

- makes an offence of possessing something with the intention of causing criminal damage, however Section 5 (2) of the Act says:
(2) A person charged with an offence to which this section applies shall, whether or not he would be treated for the purposes of this Act as having a lawful excuse apart from this subsection, be treated for those purposes as having a lawful excuse--
(b) if he destroyed or damaged or threatened to destroy or damage the property in question or, in the

case of a charge of an offence under section 3 above, intended to use or cause or permit the use of something to destroy or damage it, in order to protect property belonging to himself or another or a right or interest in property which was or which he believed to be vested in himself or another, and at the time of the act or acts alleged to constitute the offence he believed--
(i) that the property, right or interest was in immediate need of protection; and

(ii) that the means of protection adopted or proposed to be adopted were or would be reasonable having regard to all the circumstances. Which means that you are allowed to have in your possession StoppaRed UV if you intend to stain an attackers clothing in order to protect your property (which according

to the Criminal Damage Act includes money) as long as it is reasonable to think that by spraying a mugger etc you stand a chance of stopping him, because damaging a muggers clothing is not 'criminal' damage.

If someone used the spray to damage clothing just out of spite they would quite rightly have committed an offence under the Criminal Damage Act 1971 and it would be thought of as 'criminal'.

Furthermore you have at common law a duty to up hold the Queen's Peace and to assist in the apprehension of offenders.

The Law Allows you to help to catch criminals, to prevent crime and to protect yourself.

The Criminal Law Act 1967 (-) states that
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(1) A person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime, or in effecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders or of persons unlawfully at large.

The use of a Marker Spray can certainly assist in the lawful arrest of offenders as it makes their identification much more likely. You are also using much less force to stain a mugger and call the Police who can then do an area search for him than it is to physically restrain him and make a Citizen's Arrest.

Each canister is clearly marked with a description of the product and our disclaimer stating that the ingredients are inert and not subject to the Firearms Act.

The products have been used numerous times here in the UK and in every case the Police have been satisfied that the product is legal.

