

Machete ban in Victoria

What you need to know

Machetes are banned from 1 September 2025

From 1 September 2025, machetes are banned in Victoria. This means it will be illegal to own, carry, use, buy or sell a machete unless you are covered by an exemption.

Machete Amnesty: 1 September – 30 November 2025

A Machete Amnesty will run from 1 September to 30 November 2025 to support the safe disposal of machetes. You can hand in a machete without penalty during this time.

1. Package the machete safely (e.g. wrapped in a towel or cardboard, sharp edge covered, not visible in public).
2. Take it to a police station that has a Machete Amnesty safe disposal bin.
3. Remove packaging and put the machete in the safe disposal bin. Take the packaging away with you.

A map of Machete Amnesty safe disposal bin locations is available at www.vic.gov.au/machete-ban

If you're unable to attend a police station where a safe disposal bin is located, contact your local police station.

Penalties

From 1 September 2025, machetes are banned in Victoria. Possession without exemption can lead to:

- up to 2 years in prison, or
- a fine over \$47,000.

Keeping, using, buying or selling a machete – exemptions

From 1 September 2025, you can only keep, use, buy or sell a machete if you:

- are covered by an exemption, or
- hold a Chief Commissioner of Police approval.

For information about exemptions visit:
www.vic.gov.au/machete-ban

If you're not covered by an exemption and there's a legitimate reason you need to keep, use, buy or sell a machete, you can apply for a Chief Commissioner of Police approval.

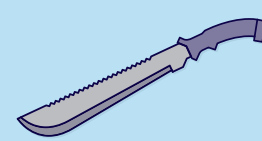
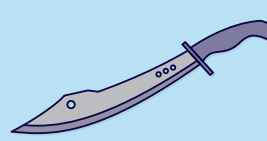
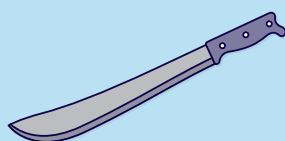
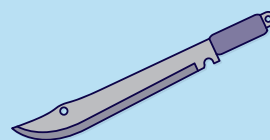
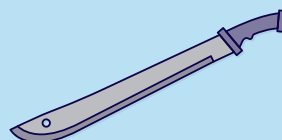
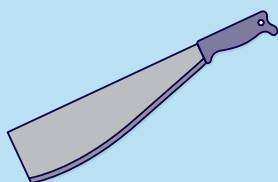
Approvals last for 3 years and fees apply. Apply at:
www.police.vic.gov.au/chief-commissioner-approval

What is a machete?

A machete is a large, broad-bladed cutting knife.

The ban only applies to machetes. It does not include kitchen knives or other types of knives.

Machetes can vary in shape and size. Examples are shown to the right.



**For more information about Victoria's Machete Ban
visit: www.vic.gov.au/machete-ban**