



2ND CHILTON KNIFE LICENCE PROCEDURE

AIM

The aim of this assessment is to provide guidance to leaders to assess and teach Scouts in the safe use and application of pen knives.

EQUIPMENT

Only legal knives will be considered. No lock or fixed blade knives will be allowed. Only folding pen knives are permitted with a maximum cutting blade of 3 inches.

PERMISSION

Consent must be sought, via the Scout(s), as to whether their parent or guardian gives permission to the ownership of knife or knives by their Scout(s)

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is undertaken via direct guidance from a warranted leader. This assessment is a structured procedure normally but not exclusively taking 30 minutes to complete satisfactorily. It will cover:

- Familiarisation of the folding knife or knives
- Safe use of a cutting blade i.e. cutting away from oneself
- The knife in action
- Safe storage of knives and how to retract and close the cutting blade
- General overview of other tools on knife (if any)
- When scouts can use their knives

Once the assessment has been successfully completed the Scouts design a personalised knife warrant tag featuring their name which is attached to their knife and indicates completion of the above assessment

APPLICATION

Scouts are permitted to use their knives if they have successfully passed their knife assessment and the Scout possess a knife warrant tag (to be attached to their knife).

Scouts can only use their knives when they have asked to do so and are monitored by a warranted leader. Scouts are permitted to carry knives on organised Scout camps (permitted by camp site) and activities but the leaders would suggest a parent or guardian carry the knives at all other times or they are safely stored in hiking/day sacks.
