

Worlds Collide

Replica and imitation firearms

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Resource Description

A resource to educate young people of the dangers of replica firearms and the impact they have on the Police Service.
This resource is supported by an information sheet, PI0204.

National Curriculum

Key Stage 3/Year 7/PSHE 2g,3j.
Key Stage 3/Year 8/PSHE 2g,3j.
Key Stage 3/Year 9/PSHE 2g,3j.
Key Stage 4/Year 10/PSHE 1d,2b,3c.
Key Stage 4/Year 11/PSHE 1d,2b,3c.

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Key Stage 3/Citizenship/Unit 2 – Crime

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Session One – Show film [Worlds Collide](#) and discuss

1. What is the name of the teenager who gets bullied?
2. What is the name of the teenager who gets shot?
3. How many police officers are in the film?
4. What verbal warning did the armed police officers give to the teenagers in the wood?
5. What details is the walker asked for when he rings the police?
6. What is the Duty Inspector asked over the radio to check?
7. Discuss in your groups your thoughts and feelings about the film.

Session Two

Using the firearms definitions, answer the following questions:

1. Imagine you have just bought a replica gun from the market. Is it legal to buy a Ball Bearing (BB) or replica gun? Yes or no?
2. You've seen the film and you meet up with your mates outside school and you show them a replica gun that you have just bought.
 - a) How do you think your friends will react?
 - b) Have you ever been in a situation like this? Yes or no?
3. Discuss in your groups where you think BB, replica or air guns can be used safely?

Session Three

Which guns do you think are replica and which are the real thing?

The images are called 'Gun Quiz' on the Worlds Collide DVD and are also on the pupil and teacher sheets.

Session Four

The law says:

- Carrying an air weapon (and this includes some BB guns) or an imitation firearm (which also includes some BB guns) in a public place is an offence unless you have a "reasonable excuse". An example of a reasonable excuse could be that you are taking it home, although you would need to be able to prove this.
- An imitation firearm is described as anything that has the appearance of a firearm - including some toy guns.
- You must be 17 to purchase an air weapon, including some of the more powerful BB guns, unless supervised by someone who is at least 21, or as part of an approved target shooting club or shooting gallery. (Note: The law will change shortly and you will need to be 18 to acquire or possess an air weapon without supervision).
- No offence is committed if a young person 14 to 16 is on private premises and has the consent of the occupier to have an air weapon and provided any missile fired does not go beyond the boundary of those premises.

The police say it is extremely difficult to tell the difference between a replica and a real gun and if you carry a replica gun you are at risk of getting shot.

What ideas do you have that could persuade people not to have a replica or real gun?

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Having watched the 'Replica and imitation firearms' film, discuss the following:

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Session Two

Definitions:

Firearms

A firearm is: "a lethal barreled weapon of any description from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged". Section 57(1) of the Firearms Act 1968.

Air Weapons

An air weapon is defined as: "an air rifle, air gun or air pistol not of a type declared...to be specifically dangerous".

Imitation Firearms

An imitation firearm means any thing which has the appearance of being a firearm whether or not it is capable of discharging any shot, bullet or other missile.

BB Guns

The law on BB guns will vary according to the specification of the gun. If a BB gun meets the definition of an air weapon, then it may not need to be certified. However if it is an air weapon of a certain strength, it will need to be certified. Any air pistol that has a power rating of 6ft lb, and any other air weapon that has a power rating of 12ft lb, is declared to be specifically dangerous. It is possible for a BB gun to meet these requirements.

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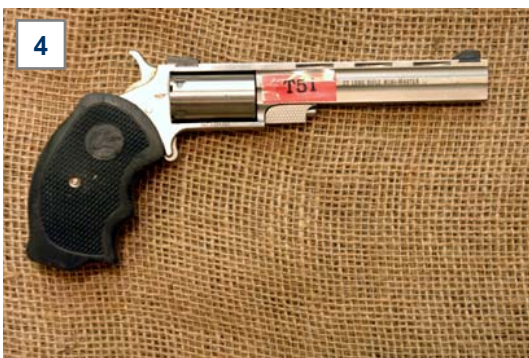
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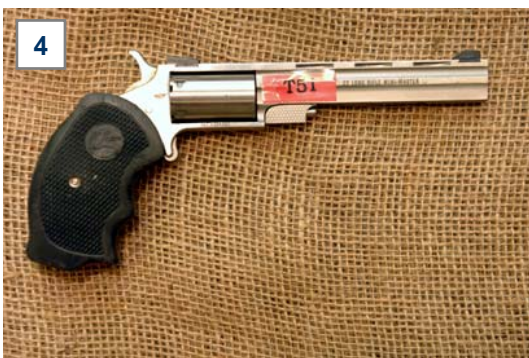
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**Say NO to
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