

There are many reasons to be an AKTI member. Join us today!

- AKTI works on behalf of every member – from end user, individual craftsman, small retail store to online businesses, large retailers, supplies vendors, to importers and well-known, large manufacturers – to strengthen our industry and the knife community.
- AKTI works every day to ensure your ability to make, sell, own and carry the knife of your choice. We oppose restrictive laws and regulations and we encourage reasonable and responsible knife laws and enforcement.
- AKTI provides valuable and reliable information about knife laws essential to your business and crucial to keep knife owners law-abiding citizens.
- AKTI membership supports programs that promote the safe use of knives and encourages the next generation of knife owners.
- AKTI provides timely, accurate industry and legislative updates. We are quick to alert you of threats to our industry or your rights as a knife owner.

In addition, AKTI members receive benefits and discounts based on their membership level. Learn more at www.AKTI.org or contact us at (307) 587-8296 or akti@AKTI.org.

***Imagine Your Life...
Without a Knife!***

AKTI's commitment to reasonable, responsible knife laws in the U.S. means we work for the benefit of all knife owners. Restrictive laws, inconsistent enforcement and unclear definitions are the enemies of law-abiding knife users. Our work to clean up outdated legislation and vague laws has saved millions of Americans from being considered criminals. But there's still more we can do – a lot more! We need your help to ensure that all knife owners can continue to make, buy, sell, own, carry and use knives and edged tools.

Visit our website to learn more about how you can become a member and support your right to carry a knife or edged tool!

www.SaveOurKnives.org

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***Keeping Knives in
American Lives since 1998.***

The American Knife & Tool Institute (AKTI) is a nonprofit organization representing all segments of the knife industry and all knife users.

- Recognized worldwide as the respected, credible and accurate source of knife information
- Focal point for development and advocacy of reasonable and consistent knife legislation and enforcement
- Source for educational content for new knife users, legislators, law enforcers and the public

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EDUCATE - PROMOTE - INFORM



***Our mission is to ensure that
Americans will always be able
to make, buy, sell, own, carry
and use knives and edged tools.***



What is AKTI doing to help knife owners like you?

As the advocacy nonprofit association for the entire knife community, AKTI has a successful, proven record of accomplishments.

AKTI Provides Valuable Information

- Current, reliable, attorney reviewed state knife law information
- Legal and practical information every knife owner needs to know
- Standard legal knife definitions
- Industry accepted Knife Measuring Protocol
- *My First Knife* youth safety pamphlet
- Periodic State of the Knife Industry reports

AKTI Eliminates or Clarifies Restrictive Laws

- Works with legislators, other organizations and constituents to expand and clarify state by state what is a legal knife
- Developed "bias toward closure" language clarifying that one-hand opening knives are not switchblades or gravity knives. Successfully enacted this protection in California, Texas and several other states.
- Eliminating blade length limitations, such as in Arkansas and South Carolina

- Repealing restrictions on type of knives, such as switchblades in New Hampshire, Alaska, Texas, etc.
- Removing knife terms that are not definable and cause inconsistent enforcement
- Repealing weapons' violations for knife carry when no criminal intent to use the knife was involved
- Enacting preemption language to protect travelers from a myriad of local laws

AKTI Monitors and Responds to Issues

- Monitors knife legislation introduced in 50 states and on the federal level
- Opposes introduced restrictions on retailers, importers, manufacturers and knife owners.
- Provides resources to defense attorneys, law enforcement, legislators and individuals facing knife charges
- Fights against inferior counterfeit knives
- Led the industry effort to successfully amend the 1958 Federal Switchblade Act to include AKTI's "bias toward closure" language and protect one-hand opening knives

AKTI has been the **reasonable and responsible voice** of the knife-making and knife-using community since 1998.

Educating - the public, legislators, and law enforcement that knives are valuable tools

Promoting - responsible knife ownership and reasonable, consistent knife laws

Informing - with accurate state law, industry, historical and technical information



Your membership will help:

- Remove restrictive knife laws state by state
- Oppose efforts that limit your ability to conduct business or rights to use the knife or edged tool of your choice
- Encourage knife usage and safety
- Provide vital information to lawmakers, law enforcement and the public

Can you imagine your life without a knife? Join AKTI today!

Name _____ Check here if this is a renewal.

Company _____ Individual memberships:

Address _____ Ambassador - \$35/yr

City _____ Distinguished Ambassador - \$100/yr

Phone _____ Life Ambassador - \$750

Check # _____ Enclosed for \$ _____ or charge Visa MC Discover AmEx

Card No. _____ / _____ / _____ Exp.: _____

Signature _____ Business memberships:

_____ Bronze Associate - \$150/yr

_____ Silver Associate - \$300/yr

_____ Gold Associate - \$600/yr

_____ Platinum Associate - \$1200/yr

_____ Premier Member - \$2500/yr (Voting)

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