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KNIFE & TOOL
INSTITUTE
EDUCATE - PROMOTE - INFORM

Who we are



The American Knife and Tool Institute (AKTI) is the leading, cohesive voice of the knife industry and its customers, all knife users.

Our nonprofit mission is to ensure the entire knife industry grows stronger together. We focus on advocacy, education, and valuable information about knife laws and knife use as important tools in our everyday lives.

- As the most respected, credible, and accurate source of knife law information, we provide valuable legislative input and initiatives that encourage reasonable, responsible, and consistent knife laws.
- We work collaboratively to solve common industry issues like intellectual property protection, social media censorship, and manufacturing laws.
- For over 25 years, AKTI has ensured Americans can make, buy, sell, own, carry, and use knives and edged tools.
- Our diverse membership of the biggest and most visible brands in the knife industry, custom makers, and individual grassroots supporters drives the agenda needed to benefit us all.

What we are doing

- Current legislative initiatives
 - Working with Congress to pass the Interstate Transport Act
 - Advocating in Washington State for the legal manufacture of automatic knives
 - Advocating in Vermont for changes to blade length restrictions on automatic knives
 - Partnering with the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
- Leading an industry-wide program for additional social media guidelines
- Maintaining an updated state-by-state online knife law database
- Identifying and stopping unauthorized online sellers
- Sharing information about brand protection

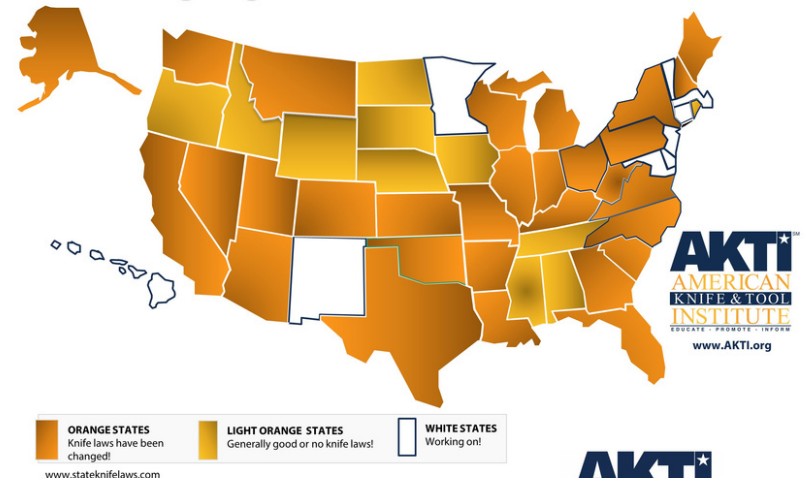


What we have done

Since 1998, AKTI has been instrumental in driving the reform of knife laws, advocating for fair business practices, and educating the knife-owning public about knife laws and safe, responsible ownership.

- Developed an industry-standard knife protocol
- Wrote legal knife definitions accepted in several court cases
- Initiated successful clarifying knife language, including AKTI's bias toward closure language, used in amending the Federal Switchblade Act and elsewhere
- Successfully opposed restrictions on the industry and stopped counterfeiters

Changing Knife Laws Since 1998



Keeping Knives in American Lives

Why Join AKTI?

- Increase Your Industry Insight - Access to news and developments that affect your business
- Gain Guidance on Laws and Compliance - Access to a knife law expert and members with expertise
- Boost Your Reputation in the Industry - By showing your commitment to your business, industry, and customers
- Network with Other Industry Members - Build long-term relationships and partnerships in a trusted environment
- Save Time and Money - With AKTI's valuable information
- Increase Your Business - Opportunities to promote your business
- Influence - Issues within the industry and legislative policymakers to increase your customer base



Stronger Together - Accomplish More

Industry Membership Levels

Choose the membership level and payment schedule option that best suits your business

Associate Memberships

There are four levels of Associate Memberships. All levels are invited to participate in the annual meeting but are not eligible to vote.

Premier Memberships

There are three levels of Premier Membership that are eligible to vote at the annual meeting: Premier, Advisory, and Supporting Advisory.

Specific benefits and dues are detailed on our website

<https://www.akti.org/plans/industry-members/>

Details mailed or emailed on request

AKTI is a 501 (c) 6 trade association governed by a Board of Regents of industry members

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