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## **WEAPONS LAW UPDATE**

California Penal Code sections 16590 and 18010 list the “generally prohibited weapons” and items that constitute a nuisance. Nunchakus (a martial arts weapon consisting of two sticks joined together by a chain or cord) used to fall under the prohibited weapons list as well as an item that constitutes a nuisance.

**Effective January 1, 2022**, nunchakus (or “Nunchucks”) has been deleted from the list of prohibited weapons and from the list of weapons for which a district attorney, city attorney, or the Attorney General may bring an action to enjoin the manufacture of, the importation of, the offering for sale of, the giving, lending, or possession of, a specified weapon that constitutes a nuisance.

California Penal Code sections 22010, 22015, and 22090 relating to nunchaku have been repealed as they are now legal to possess.