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## DEFENCE ID LEGALITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

SABRE – Security Equipment Corporation has developed a defense marking spray named ‘Defence I.D.’. The product consists of water, purple dye, and UV dye. It contains no pepper irritant.

*“SABRE’s Defence I.D. is an all-natural, water-based personal safety product formulated not to cause physical harm. Its impressive 3-meter range delivered in a powerful stream is designed to startle and deter an attacker. UV & Purple marking dye stains skin and lasts up to 48 hours helping police identify offenders.”*

The Defence ID product is legal to sell and possess for personal safety in the United Kingdom based on the following:

- Defence ID is not classified as an “offensive weapon” by the Prevention of Crime Act 1953.
- Defence ID is not considered a “prohibited weapon” by the Firearms Act 1968 based on the formulation being inert and non-injurious.
- The purple dye is not classified as dangerous according to OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200).
- The UV dye has been classified as a substance or mixture which is not hazardous according to Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008. 3.1e1 / 3.1e2.
- Section 141 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 creates a specific offence of manufacturing, selling, hiring or offering for sale or hire offensive weapons. This section only applies to specified offensive weapons, listed in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 1988. The list does not include anything which resembles or matches the description of staining dye sprays and therefore would not apply to Defence ID.

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# **SABRE** AEROSOL PROJECTORS

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## **Test: PRIMARY SKIN IRRITATION STUDY I**

**Product Tested:** SABRE Defence ID  
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**CONCLUSION:** Based on the Draize scoring system, SABRE Defence ID Formulation is classified as non-irritating to the skin.