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And regarding the laws, statewide it is illegal to carry any knife that is "assisted opening". They define it as switch, push button, spring mechanism, or OTHER mechanism.

There was a case on gravity assist knives, which were deemed legal. There is no "limit" on blade length, but the knife has to have a "lawful purpose" (other than as an offensive weapon) and there have been cases where people have been charged for carrying huge blades that were deemed to have "no lawful purpose."

Also illegal to carry sandbags or stun guns in PA.

Further, those are STATE laws. Counties and municipalities often have their own, more restrictive, laws. For instance, in Philadelphia, it is illegal to carry a knife PERIOD, even a tiny little pocket knife or multi-tool. There is supposedly an exception for those that have to carry them for work purposes, but there's nothing in place to prove or disprove you have it for work purposes. So likely to be a high degree of discretion used by law enforcement and the legal world on this.

As many say, if protection is the purpose, the legalities are such that it is far easier to carry a gun than a knife. Of course, a knife has so many other purposes beyond protection.