

## ***Police test alternative batons***

The familiar police truncheon may be replaced by a telescopic version designed to offer better protection against knife attacks

***Regulation police truncheon***

**Length: 15.5 inches**

***American side-handled baton***

**Length: 24 inches**

**Preferred by the police but considered too aggressive by the Home Secretary**

***New telescopic baton***

**Length: 21 inches**

**Extends from compact seven inch handle – inflicts disabling pain rather than serious injury. Used by the FBI**