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Subject: Re: Check out my Wicked Laser!  
Posted by [Dave Anderson](#) on Thu, 12 May 2011 11:01:27 GMT  
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Quote:I'm extremely careful not to point it at any planes, people, or reflective surfaces. I turn it off when a car drives by and I turn it off if a plane is anywhere in my field of vision. Why should pointing it at an empty spot in the sky be illegal?

Precaution, I suppose. Where I live we have military aircraft fly over occasionally and I have seen in person a SR-71 Blackbird flying without visible lights on and those aircraft are very hard to see at night, so your skies may not necessarily be "clear". Of course this is probably rare and may not apply to your area, but it is the only practical example I could come up with. I'm not against shining lasers into the air myself, as I have had a few Astronomy classes and I can see where they are useful for such purposes, but lasers are shunned by law enforcement for the most part.

I guess it can be pretty ridiculous. I still argue that my fist is more dangerous than a laser or a plastic butter knife (Air travel policy) for example and the government is always trying to ban everything.

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