

**loophole**1. ['lu:phəv] *n*

1. бойница; амбразура

2. лазейка; увёртка

to find a loophole in the law - найти лазейку, чтобы обойти закон

2. ['lu:phəv] *v*

устраивать бойницы

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**loop·hole** [loophole loopholes loopholed loopholing] *BrE* ['lu:phə:]<sup>1</sup> *NAmE*['lu:pho:]<sup>1</sup> **noun** ~ (in sth)

a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do

- a legal loophole
- to close existing loopholes

Word Origin:late 16th cent. (denoting an arrow slit): from obsolete loop 'embrasure' + <sup>1</sup>hole.Example Bank:

- People who don't want to pay tax will exploit any loophole.
- This created a loophole that people might exploit to escape conviction.
- a law designed to close any loopholes in tax
- a loophole enabling workers to take unnecessary sick leave
- a loophole in the regulations
- the gaping loopholes in our gun laws

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**loop·hole** /'lu:phə\$-hoʊl/ *BrE* <sup>1</sup> *AmE* <sup>1</sup> **noun** [countable]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: loop 'hole in a wall for shooting through' (14-19 centuries) + hole]

a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to avoid doing something that the law is supposed to make you do

legal/tax loophole

loophole in

" a loophole in the law

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**COLLOCATIONS**■ **verbs**

- **close/plug a loophole** (=change something so that there is no longer a loophole) The president is eager to close tax loopholes for foreign companies.
- **find a loophole** Some lawyers spend their time simply finding loopholes in existing contracts.
- **use/exploit a loophole** Airlines may be exploiting legal loopholes in order to employ pilots trained outside the US.
- **a loophole allows/enables something** Security loopholes allowed the terrorists to plant the bombs unnoticed.

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + loophole**

- **a legal loophole** The new law closed a number of legal loopholes.
- **a tax loophole** The government lost billions because of a tax loophole.
- **a gaping loophole** (=a very large loophole) There is a gaping loophole in the ban on arms sales to poor countries.

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