

HOME INVASION DEFENSE COURSE



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Be **SMART** *not* a **Statistic**

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Gun Safety

GUN SAFETY RULES:

1. **Treat every gun as if it is loaded.** NEVER Assume the gun is unloaded.
2. **Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.**
3. **Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.**
4. **Know your target and what is beyond it**

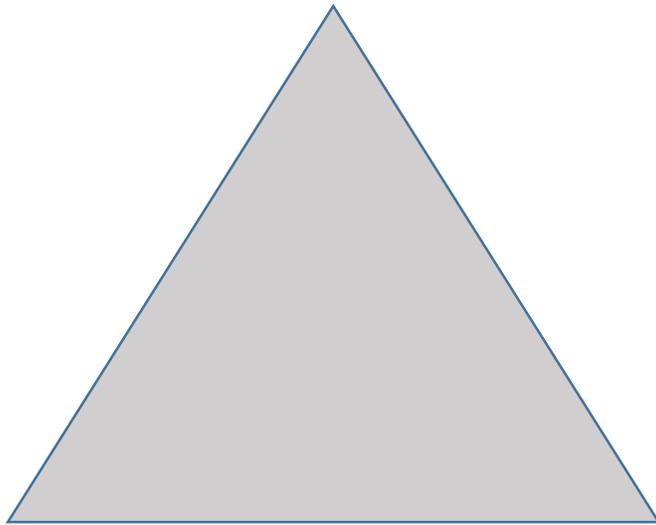
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Be S.M.A.R.T. *not a* Statistic. Don't miss your mark, now or later!



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- Surprising
- Chaotic
- Life Threatening



What will happen if you remove any side of the triangle?

INTRODUCTION

A Dangerous Incident Like A Sudden Attack, a Home Invasion, Active Shooting, or Public Robbery, etc. Is:

- Surprising
- Chaotic
- Threatening

Along each side of the triangle is an element that a threat needs in order to harm you. Take away anyone of these elements and the triangle collapses.

- You Can't control a person's intent
But, with Proper Training:
- You can deprive them of the opportunity
- You can remove their ability and disable a threat

Good training and education will help you. Be **PROACTIVE** instead of **REACTIVE**.

Let's look into some things we can do to make our homes a less likely target, how to prepare ourselves and the inside of our homes, and how to respond if a dangerous intruder is in your home.

DOING ALL YOU CAN TO PREVENT A HOME INVASION

Make Your Home Less Appealing Target to Invade by:

- Keeping Bushes & Shrubbery Trimmed so it Can't be Used as Cover
- Keep Your Property Well Light
- Alarm System Signs , Door Cameras
- Sign of Dogs Make Your Home Less Desirable.

Make Your Home Harder to Get Into

- Make your home hard to get into by having good locks and solid doors.
- A reliable alarm system

Preparing the Inside of Your Home

- Designate and Set Up and A Safe Room
A safe room is a room in your home that you and your family know is the place to get to immediately in the event of an intrusion. A safe room enables you put yourself in a position to defend yourselves. This room should only have one doorway, and it should be lockable. It is recommended that you install a deadbolt on this door and purchase a door brace or jam that can be inserted under the door knob to add additional security. This room should also have a window, one with which you could communicate with police when they arrive.
- Things to Have In A Safe Room When Preparing the Inside of Your Home
 - ___ A fully charged cell phone. Even if it has no service, it can still be used to call 911.
 - ___ A flashlight
 - ___ A firearm you're familiar with and extra ammunition
 - ___ Any other defensive weapon you can quickly access
 - ___ A way of barricading the door
- Strategically Place Weapons Throughout Your Home Where They May Be Needed, Safety is Top Priority. Quick access is a very close second. We recommend using biometric safes because they offer security and very quick access. A stressful event can make nervous hands to shaky to unlock a regular safe.

PREPARE EVERYONE AHEAD OF TIME

To Prepare Yourself and Your Family:

- Have A *Plan* and *Practice* it.
- Make Critical Decisions Now; Determine **What Each Person Should Do** Up Front
Who is the defender? Who is he or she going to be protecting?
Who is going to get the kids?
- Decide **Where Everyone Should Go** in the Event of an Invasion
- The room you're in will determine what you will have to do. Think through your plan through with various rooms in mind. What if you're in the kitchen or bedroom, living room, etc. if an invader comes into your home? What if you're alone?
- When Planning, **Identify all the Choke Points** in your home. This will enable you to gain a Positional Advantage. A choke point is a place that someone must pass through in order to get to you; for example, a hall way or stairwell. A choke point is the best place to engage a threat when engaging is unavoidable.



- Next, **determine the best place to seek cover**. This will give you the upper hand against an intruder. **Where will you have the best strategic advantage** over the intruder(s)? Good cover will **make your body as small a target as possible** while providing some protection against possible returned fire. Please note that there is a difference in cover and concealment.

RESPONDING TO A HOME INVASION

WHEN POSSIBLE EVERYONE SHOULD:

- Flee to a safer place if possible. Avoid violence by evading the attacker.
- Know the Plan Very Well. Be Able to Execute it With Little to No Thought.

WHAT THE PRIMARY DEFENDER SHOULD & SHOULD NOT DO

During A Home Invasion **The Primary Defender Should Not:**

- Pursue an Invader Unless absolutely unavoidable. Strategically position yourself utilizing cover and positional advantage
- Shoot Anyone Solely Over Material Possessions or if they are outside your home fleeing

When Responding to A Home Invasion **The Primary Defender Should:**

- Get Between the threat and the one you're protecting
- Give Clear Vocal Commands to the Ones You're Protecting
- Create a Reactionary Gap. Put as much distance between you and the threat as possible in order to increase the amount of time you have to react to the threat.
- Gain a Strategic Advantage by Getting to the Best Predetermined Place of Cover at Choke Points.

Use Cover and Positioning To Your Advantage



The most ideal position you can take (in your barricaded position or predetermined safe room) is a 90 degree angle from the point of entry from where the threat will enter and behind cover. In this position you will be out of the immediate line of sight and line of travel of the threat.

WHAT THE SECONDARY DEFENDER OR THE ONE BEING PROTECTED SHOULD DO

The Secondary Defender and Ones Being Protected Should:

- Get children and get to the safe room
- Call 911 and say, “Home invasion in progress” or “A burglar is in my home and we are too.”
- Let the dispatcher know that you are armed and anyone else that is armed too.
- Describe any of the good guys who have a weapon to the dispatcher to minimize chances of misidentification
- Do not let the phone deter your ability to defend that safe room! Set it down and put it on speaker phone if you have to.

Review:

- Make your home a less desirable target and much harder to get into
- Prepare the inside of your home
- Prepare yourself and your family. Have a plan. Practice it
- Evade an intruder when possible
- When a threat is imminent and unavoidable put your plan into action.
Primary Defender – Don’t pursue the threat. Get between him and the ones you’re protecting, give clear commands, and gain the best strategic advantage possible by knowing the choke points in your home and using cover to your advantage.

When the secondary defenders and everyone being protected Primary Defender

The primary and secondary defender should know your plan, develop your defensive skills, and practice often. Consider taking a basic pistol course, defensive pistol course, or participate in a life like home invasion scenario that can inoculate you to the effects of stress.

Stress diminishes your marksmanship skills and your judgment. Scenario Training and drills can prepare you and equip you with the skill and knowledge to survive a critical incident.