

10 Deadly Mistakes To Avoid A Brutal Home Invasion

SPECIAL REPORT



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Introduction

People ask me all the time for my best advice about how to protect themselves and their family. The fact is, there are a lot of things you can do. And it all depends on how far you want to take it. This report is the absolute **bare minimum**. My intent with this report is to raise your awareness of a very real possibility that you could become a victim of a brutal home invasion and to give you a simple basic steps you can take to **protect yourself and your family**.



*“ The U.S. Department of Justice stated that, “An estimated **3.7 million household burglaries** occurred each year on average from 2003 to 2007. In about **28% of these burglaries, a household member was present during the burglary.** ”*

That means the chances of you being home during a burglary are greater than 1 in 4. So, home invasion is a real possibility.

Keep in mind these are just a few, common sense steps you should take immediately. It requires little effort and little money. So, there's no reason you can't do it today. So, as soon as you finish this report, put it down and get busy building your first line of defense. Remember that ongoing training, education and action are essential to your personal defense plan.

Stay Alert and Practice Often!



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MISTAKE #1: Being an easy target

Listen, criminals are lazy. They look for easy targets. You want to make your home as uninviting to a criminal as you possibly can. Here's some simple tips:

- Get a "Beware of Dog" sign. (Even if you don't have a dog).
- Get an "Alarm" decal and sign. (Even if you don't have an alarm).
- Trim your shrubs. Don't give thugs an easy place to hide.
- Get a big dog-food bowl and set it next to your back door. Have it labeled, "Spike" or some intimidating dog name.
- Make sure your home is well lit at night. Motion lights are great.
- Lock the door to your garage.
- Close the garage door as soon as you pull in.

MISTAKE #2: Not locking doors and windows

This seems so obvious it's ridiculous. But the fact is, criminals are looking for an EASY way in. They will check for open doors and windows first. If yours are locked, the criminal may give up and move on to more easy target.

MISTAKE #3: Opening the door to someone you don't know

Example...

A woman is at home. Alone. In a nice neighborhood. Middle of the day. Doorbell rings. She goes to the door. Looks through the glass and sees a young, teenage girl who's screaming, "Help me! Help me... I've been raped!" The woman notices "blood" on the girl's face. She immediately opens the door to help.

As soon as the door opens, four big thugs jump from behind bushes, push the woman to the floor. They beat her violently for several excruciating minutes until her will is broken. Then they duct-tape her eyes shut. Gag her. And bind her hands and feet with plastic, zip ties. They ransack her house. Taking anything and everything they can get their dirty hands on. They're in and out in less than 10 minutes. The woman is left on the floor for hours until her kid gets home from school.

So, what should the woman have done?

She should have left the door locked and told the girl she would call 911 for her. Then disappeared from view. Gone to her safe room. Dialed 911. And armed herself.

Even if there's a "police officer" at your door, you can stand back from the door, and ask the officer to identify himself. If there is ANY doubt in your mind that he is not who he claims to be, then ask for his full name and badge number. Then let him know you will happily open the door after you call the police station and verified his identity. Don't risk it. Criminals have no values so they'll do anything possible to get what they want.

MISTAKE #4: Not having a safe room

Designate a room in your house where you can go in case of a home invasion. The room needs to have a charged **cell phone** so you can call 911 (because criminals often cut landline phones), a **flashlight**, a **first aid kit**, emergency **water**, and a weapon(s) that you can use to defend yourself if forced to do so. If your weapon of choice is a firearm, make sure you have extra ammo. And do NOT leave the safe room until the police arrive and you confirm with the 911 operator the identity of the officers.

MISTAKE #5: Not having an alarm system (or not using it!)

If you can afford it, have an alarm system installed and turn it on **EVEN WHEN YOU ARE HOME**. Post the sign in the front and back yard, and place the stickers that warn criminals your home has an alarm system.

MISTAKE #6: "Freaking out" during a critical incident

Listen carefully... your most powerful weapon in any critical incident, like a home invasion, is your **BRAIN**. You can not afford to "freak out" and lose your composure. Your life and the lives of those you love depends on you being able to maintain your ability to **THINK** clearly and make good, sound decisions.

God forbid that you ever find yourself a victim of home invasion. But if you do, you must demand of yourself that you will remain calm. You will not give in. You will not surrender. You will not fail. Your life depends on it. Your family's life depends on it. Never stop thinking. Constantly be thinking "what to do next." If you're held captive, your ability to stay alive is directly related to your ability to THINK under extreme pressure. You must remain calm and resolute. If you completely "freak out" your chances of survival go down dramatically.

MISTAKE #7: Trying to be a hero

Stuff can be replaced. Your life can not. If you have the ability to escape, or you can avoid a confrontation, do it. You are not the police! Living to fight another day means you win.

MISTAKE #8: Pretending it won't happen to you

The reality of a home invasion is so horrific that many people simply block it out of their mind and pretend, "It won't happen to me."

Here's a reality check for you... do you think ANY victim of a home invasion ever thought it would happen to them? I mean, nobody wakes up in the morning and says, "Oh boy, today's the day I better get ready because the bad guys are coming!"

Just because you live in a good neighborhood, or you have an alarm system, or you've never been a victim of violent crime, or you have the "... but I'm a nice person so why would anyone want to hurt me?" attitude, does NOT mean you are somehow immune to the possibility of becoming a victim.

One time I was speaking to a God-fearing woman who said, "I don't worry about home invasion because I trust that God will take care of me."

That's good. I trust in God too. But let me ask you... Do you have life insurance? Fire insurance, car insurance, health insurance? Why do we have tornado, earthquake, and fire drills and lockdown drills at our schools? Why would you need a first-aid kit? Why do you even take medicine or vitamins?

Sounds ridiculous, right? Well, the truth is, **preparing for a home invasion is not being paranoid.** It's reasonable. Logical. Prudent.

Bad stuff often happens to good, innocent people. And even though I hope and pray that you never find yourself in a critical home defense situation, you should prepare for the worse. For your sake, and for the ones you love.

MISTAKE #9: Thinking you're prepared for a gun fight

Listen, just because you can go to a range, press out on a target that's NOT moving, squint your eye, focus on your front sight, slide your finger onto the trigger, take a deep breath, and slowly squeeze off a round that hits your target, does NOT in any way mean that you are prepared for real, life-or-death, gun fight with a bad guy.

You need to seek professional training that can really prepare you for a real-life incident. Then you have to actually go out and PRACTICE what you learned... and do it often!

Even highly-skilled SWAT teams, SEAL teams, Law enforcement agencies, etc., train for high-stress situations for years... and still get it wrong. So, don't think that just because you can make a gun go "bang" that you know what to do in a real life scenario. Get serious training and practice often!

MISTAKE #10: Not believing in your own ability

Your **will to live** is an extremely powerful weapon in your arsenal. I've worked with U.S. Special Operations Command for years. And while much of what goes on behind the scenes is strictly classified, I can tell you this... **a lot of the training is mental.**

So, you need to decide **right now** that if you're faced with a life or death situation, you WILL prevail. You will not just give up and comply. You will not just lay down and let some criminal rape you, or take your children, or threaten your loved ones without a fight. Even if you've never taken a hand-to-hand combat class, or you're not experienced with bladed weapons, or you've never fired a shot... your will to live can mean the difference between life or death. In the words of Winston Churchill, "Never give up! Never give up! Never give up!"

I hope and pray that you never become of victim of any crime, especially not home invasion. But I urge you to prepare for the worse. If you're serious about learning how to defend yourself and your family from a brutal home invasion, you may want to consider my complete training course,

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<http://www.legallyconcealed.org/homeinvasion>

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