

3 STEPS TO TAKE DURING A HOME INVASION



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3 Steps to Take Immediately If You Sense That Intruders are Invading Your Home

There is a lot of talk in the prepper and survivalist world about how to secure your home against home invaders. Thieves are lazy by nature. That is why they take what isn't theirs instead of working for it themselves. If your home is even remotely difficult to get into, the thieves are probably going to go somewhere else. I can't stress enough how important it is to get a home defense system in place.

But no matter how good your home defense system is, there is still always a chance that intruders could break the perimeter and get inside. That is why it is important to know these 3 steps to take immediately if you sense that intruders are invading your home.



Step 1: Assess Your Situation

When you imagine a home invasion, do you envision yourself grabbing your gun and running after the invader – scaring him off and saving your family? These sorts of rash actions are what end up getting people killed. Don't Act Rashly. Stay Calm. And assess the Situation. Start by asking yourself these questions:

Where do you think the intruders are?

If you suspect that they are outside, then you obviously don't want to flee outside and give them unhindered access to your home! Simply yelling or waving your gun should be enough to scare them off. But if you hear sounds inside, then it is a different story altogether.

How sure are you that it is an intruder?

Every year, dozens of people injure or kill their family members after mistaking them for intruders. The glass you hear breaking could be your preschooler getting herself a drink of water in the middle of the night, or even your high school daughter sneaking out. Imagine how terrible you would feel if you accidentally hurt a family member? This is just one more reason why you should always avoid confronting an intruder!

Where are your family members in relation to the intruder?

If your entire family is sleeping upstairs and you think that the intruder is still downstairs, then you can proceed to get everyone together safely. But oftentimes a family member sleeps downstairs where the intruder may be lurking. In these cases, it will be harder to get your family together safely and you may need to confront the intruder.

Can you make an escape?

Never be a hero. If you can flee (such as through a window with a security ladder), then do so immediately!

Do you have a safe room? Do you have cover?

Everyone should have a safe room in their home for situations like these. But sometimes it may be impossible to get to your safe room because of where the intruder is located. So assess what cover you have available, and whether that cover is bulletproof.

Can you call the police?

Home invaders often cut the phone line, so you should always have a charged cell phone available in your safe room so you can call the police.



Step 2: Get Your Family to the Safe Room

Every family should have a safe room in their home. In the movies, they make it seem like a safe room has to be some bulletproof room or bomb shelter. In reality, a safe room is anywhere an intruder cannot easily get into. Since intruders usually come at night while you are sleeping, your safe room will likely be your bedroom or a child's bedroom.

Make sure the safe room has a bolt on the door. After the door is bolted, you will need to barricade it with furniture. I also recommend installing emergency escape ladders on all upper-floor windows. Your safe room should also have a cell phone so you can call 911. Don't rely on your landline phone because intruders may cut the phone line.

Never scream, fire your gun, shout a warning to your kids, or do anything else which can give away your presence until you and your family are all in the safe room.

If you live alone or with just your spouse, then getting to a safe room should be pretty easy. The problem comes when you've got kids or other family members in other rooms to worry about. This is where your home self defense training will come in handy.

Scenario 1: Family Members All In Second Floor Bedrooms; Intruder Downstairs

With your weapon in hand (it doesn't have to be a gun; pepper spray and baseball bats are both great against home invaders), slowly and quietly gather your family members. I know it goes against your instincts, but start with your oldest kids. Older children are less likely to cry when woken up and give away your presence to the intruder.

Go to the oldest child's room, quietly wake him/her up. Then proceed to your next child's room all together. Wake that child up and proceed to the next room until you are all gathered together. Take them with you to the next room until you have gathered everyone together. Then bolt the door and barricade it. Call the police.

Scenario 2: A Family Member Is Located on the Same Floor As the Intruder

In the ideal world, all family members should sleep on the same floor so you can easily gather them together in case of an intruder. Of course, this isn't always possible so you have to know what to do if an intruder breaks in.

First get your kids from the second floor together. Instruct them to get into the safe room, bolt the door, and barricade it. Tell them that under no circumstances are they to open the door – even if the intruder threatens your life. Then take your weapon and flashlight and quietly go downstairs. If your spouse has a weapon and is trained to use it, go together. There is a reason that police officers always go in pairs! Under no



circumstances should you turn on the lights and give away your position. Stay against the walls to minimize shadows.

As you pass each room, sweep it to make sure no one is there. I highly suggest that you read up and practice clearing a room and how to “slice the pie” to make sure there is no intruder in each room of your home. Once you reach your family member, then bolt and barricade the door and proceed with the next step.

If you see (or, more likely, hear) the intruder in a room before getting to your family member, you have two choices. You can flee to a safe spot. Or you can confront the intruder and attack. Let me warn you though: you better be ready to attack the intruder! The moment the intruder is confronted, he is going to panic and could react by shooting. Don't hesitate. If you've got a weapon, you better be prepared to use it against an attacker. If you aren't, then flee to safety.

Scenario 3: You Cannot Reach a Family Member

Imagine that intruders break in through the front door while you are watching TV downstairs on the couch. Your young children are sleeping upstairs. Or you wake up to an intruder standing over you in bed and your children are in the next room. What do you do?

Every family should have an emergency code word. When that code word is said, the children should know to seek cover.

For example: An intruder is attacking you in your bedroom and your children are in the bedroom next door. In an unprepared family, the children would likely rush to you when they hear the ruckus – thus putting them in danger too. But you are prepared. You shout your code word. Instead of rushing to you and danger, your children know to bolt their doors, hide, and call 911, or escape through the emergency escape ladder and then call 911.



Step 3. Get the Intruder Off Your Property

Everyone is in a safe spot. Now you need to get the intruder off your property as quickly as possible. The best way to do this is by calling the police.

Call 911. Quietly tell them that you suspect an intruder is in your home, where you believe the intruder is located, and where you are located. Say this quietly so you don't give away your position to the intruder. Leave the phone on so the 911 dispatcher can hear what is going on. Then wait for the police to come and let them clear your home.

If you cannot call the police or sense that your life is in immediate danger, then you can try to get the intruder off your property yourself. One good way of doing this is by shooting a gun. The sound of a gunshot will get an intruder going quickly! It will also alert your neighbors who will (hopefully) then call the police. If you don't have a gun, then you can bluff by calling out "I've called the police and they are on their way. I have a gun and am prepared to use it!"

Only in severe situations when you suspect that your life or a family member's life is in danger should you leave your safe room and confront the intruder. Yeah, I know you want to catch the criminal and bring him to justice, but safety is the first priority here! Don't try to be a hero and catch the criminal. Heroes end up dead.

Want to know how to keep your home safe, even in times of chaos and unrest? Download Bulletproof Home by Steve Walker. He reveals the most common prepper home defense mistakes and gives you counterintuitive techniques which actually work. Learn more about Bulletproof Home here.

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