



Self-Defense Shooting in the Dark

One on One with the Diplomat



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Warning:

During these exercises, ensure that you are performing proper gun safety. Here are a few important rules to remember:

1. Always treat your firearm as if it is loaded (even when it isn't.)
2. Do not point your firearm anywhere you do not intend to hit (i.e. don't flag your buddy.)
3. Do not put your finger on the trigger until you are going to shoot.
4. Know where your target is and what is behind it.
5. Know how your firearm works before you use it.
6. Always use the ammunition that was made for your firearm.
7. Ensure that the barrel is not blocked or dirty before loading and using it.
8. Know how to properly handle a bullet that doesn't fire.
9. Be careful when you handle your weapon so that you do not trip or cause an accident.
10. Wear the proper gear when shooting (i.e. safety glasses and ear protection.)

***Note: It is your responsibility to keep yourself, those around you, and your property, free from damage when doing these exercises. Negligence of safety procedures or being careless can result in injury or death. –**

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Importance of Night Shoots

Why do you need to practice in the dark?



Importance of Night Shoots

- ▶ You need to learn how to shoot in the dark just as well as you do during the day. This is not something that you should just skip
- ▶ Awake or asleep, you live $\frac{1}{2}$ of your life in the dark
- ▶ Unless you practice at night or in the dark, your eyes will not be accustomed to aiming in low light
- ▶ Honing that night skill will enable you to focus more quickly and efficiently when the time comes
- ▶ When your life is in danger you will not have the time to wait for your eyes to adjust
- ▶ Practicing at night gets you used to the feel of your pistol and where it will shoot when your vision is more limited



Standard Sights vs. Trijicon Sights

Shooting in the Dark Outside



Standard Pistol Sights vs. Trijicon Sights

Standard

- ▶ Can't see sights – less likely to hit target

Trijicon

- ▶ If you become night-blinded due to the muzzle flash, your eyes can still pick out the night-sights
- ▶ Because you can see the sights in the dark, you can be more confident in your shot



Using a Flashlight

How to properly use a flashlight while shooting in the dark.



Using a Flashlight

A flashlight on your weapon will assist you on positively identifying your target before engaging. It is also difficult for an intruder to see past the light. Which may result in them giving up instead of shooting. Keep in mind that they are a danger until they are dead or in custody of the police.

Don't walk around with the light on. Only turn the flashlight on long enough to identify your target and shoot. Place two shots, turn off the light and move.

Why? It is an instinct to shoot at the light. Most people will shoot in the direction from which the light came from. If you move, then you will no longer be in the location where the return fire will most likely go.



Defending Your Home in the Dark

Shadowing (Shadow Games)



Defending Your Home in the Dark

Shadowing – When you go to bed at night, only leave one light on in the house. Preferably near where an intruder is most likely to come in at. It should be completely dark at the other end of the house. If it isn't, then use a smaller light (like a nightlight or close the door to the room where the light is on).

When an intruder comes into your home, they should not be able to see you. Their outline, however, should be easy for you to define.

Important: Always have a flashlight on hand. You want to be sure to identify your target before you shoot. Too many people have mistaken family members or friends for an intruder.

Again, only use the flashlight long enough to identify your target and shoot. Turn the flashlight off and move. Never stay in one place until you can confirm that all threats have been stopped.

Using the flashlight method will not only help you ensure that you are hitting your target, but it will also serve to temporarily blind the intruder. Thus making it harder for them to return fire.

Beware of hallways, they can turn into a fatal funnel because your options are very limited on where you can go. Remember, always maintain the freedom to maneuver. If you find yourself in the hallway, the only way to get through it is to keep pushing and shooting until you are clear. Crouching down or turning sideways while you move will help reduce the chance of getting hit.



Homework

Shooting in the Dark

Homework

- ▶ Work on maneuvering through your home in the dark.
- ▶ Check for tripping hazards or noise makers that may give away your position should you step on it. It is hard to see where your feet are going in the dark.
- ▶ Run dry fire drills (weapon unloaded) – turn on your flashlight, dry fire and then move to your next defensive position.
- ▶ Keep in mind that you always want to keep your eyes on the threat until it has been eliminated. However, cowards do travel in packs. Don't expect there to only be one until you can verify otherwise.



Important Notes

Don't Forget



Important Notes

1. Although lighting seems like a small thing, the way your house is lit during the night can have a big impact on your defense
2. Test out what type of lighting you should use (have someone stand where the attacker might be, see if they can see you and vice versa)
3. It is important to use a flashlight that you can easily turn on/off and doesn't interfere with your accuracy
4. Make sure you keep your flashlight and your weapon in a safe location near you during the night

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