



Multi-Story Residences

Home Defense



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Introduction

Home Defense



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The home defense course has a lot of focus on houses. But what if you live in an apartment or in another multi-story dwelling?

If you are located several stories up, your defensive tactics change tremendously. Every phase of your defense is very limited because you don't have the same resources or freedoms that you would in a standard house.



Scenarios

What to Plan For



Scenarios

Potential threats are much more different within a multi-story dwelling. You are less likely to get targeted inside your home by thugs off the street unless they know you specifically and have personal motives. Keep your eye out for potential stalkers. Even if the apartments you are in require permission just to get through the front doors, you are still at risk. There are several ways to get into one of those buildings undetected if the desire were there.

Although you want to be prepared for anything, your biggest threats within your area are going to be natural disasters, power outages, and even social unrest. **Do not take this lightly.** If you are not properly prepared, you may find yourself and your family in a giant death trap.



Death Trap #1

No Escape



Death Trap #1

One of the most important parts of having a proper home defense plan is maintaining your freedom to maneuver. You always want a way out if things get worse than what you can handle.

Multi-story buildings are much harder to evacuate when you only have one door you can go in and out. Always ensure that you have at least two ways out no matter where you are. The only other option when you are high up, are the windows.

If your apartment has a fire escape, make sure that you can access it and know how to use it. If it doesn't, then you'll need to prepare another method of escape. You can buy rope ladders or even use repelling equipment depending upon how high up you are. No matter which method you go with, make sure you know how to operate it safely before using it in your emergency plans.

If you have small children or disabled in your home and the window is not an option, I highly suggest you relocate to a place where anyone can escape should circumstances become dire.



Elevators

Death Trap #2



Elevators

Could you imagine dying of starvation and thirst in a small room crammed with people? Would you like to sit there hour after hour while the random people near you go crazy with fear and boredom? What if you had children with you? Would you like to see them die that way?

It sounds harsh, but don't dismiss the danger. Do you know how to safely get out of an elevator if the doors don't open? Elevators put you at the mercy of one door and an easily disrupted power grid. Although they were made with several safety features (to include the ability to pry the doors open if you have to) that does not mean that the elevator conveniently stopped on a floor. Your chances are just as high to open the doors and find the elevator shaft walls. Your only option at that point is either wait for help (that may or may not come), or go up and out through the roof of the elevator. Climbing skills and extreme caution will be necessary.

The best way to avoid this? Don't use an elevator. **Use the stairs or even better, relocate!** But if you must, under no circumstances get on if you suspect a power outage.



Fortify

Preventative Measures



Fortify

If you don't own your place of residence, and your options to fortify your dwelling are limited, then work with what you are allowed. Talk to your landlord, chances are they won't have a problem with you strengthening the doors with longer screws or adding a better locking device.

It is still important to find a way to fortify the windows if you can, even though they are a much smaller threat if you are high up off the ground. Chances of an individual getting in that way are slim to none, however, don't dismiss it completely. A well-made defense plan doesn't put limits on potential threats.



Alarms

Limited Options



Alarms

If you are not allowed pets where you live, then having a dog as a part of your home defense is obviously out. However, you can still purchase wireless alarms to go on your doors and windows.

Unfortunately, your outside alarms are pretty much non-existent unless you can get a doorman or your neighbors to keep you informed of potential threats. Either way, word of mouth and networking are your best options.



Delays

Slowing Down the Attack



Delays

Again, unless the people in your building work together, having a delay outside your residence is not going to be likely. Even if you were to find a way to slow down a possible intruder (for example if they were not allowed to access your building without permission), what good does it do if you don't know its coming anyways?

As far as inside goes, be strategic where you place your furniture and baby gates are always a plus.



The Ambush

Your Last Resort



The Ambush

This is a vital part of your home defense since all of your options are so limited. Ensure that you have weaponry that you can efficiently use in defending yourself and your family. Practice with it and be ready to use it at a second's notice. Chances are high you won't know its coming until it reaches your door.



Important Notes

Don't Forget



Important Notes

1. Of all the places an individual could live, multi-story dwellings are the most vital in preparing a home defense plan
2. Plan ahead – think of any possible issues you may have where you live
3. Do some extra research – look up home invasions related to the type of home you live in and learn from them

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