



The Shotgun

Home Defense



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Introduction

Defending Your Home with the Shotgun



Introduction

The shotgun, especially the pump action, is a good weapon to use in your home defense. Not only does the sound of racking the shotgun act as a deterrent, but you are also sending more projectiles towards your target with every shot.

If you were to use 00 high brass buck shot, you're not just sending one projectile down range, but 9 – 30 caliber pellets all at one time.

You don't even need to worry about aiming as much because the pellets naturally spread out as they go.



The Pump Action

What Does Law Enforcement Use?



The Pump Action

Military and law enforcement both use the pump action shotgun. Why?

The pump action shotgun is more reliable. They also work very well with home defense because the sound of pumping the shotgun can be very intimidating. I've seen that sound alone back up an entire mob overseas.



The Recoil

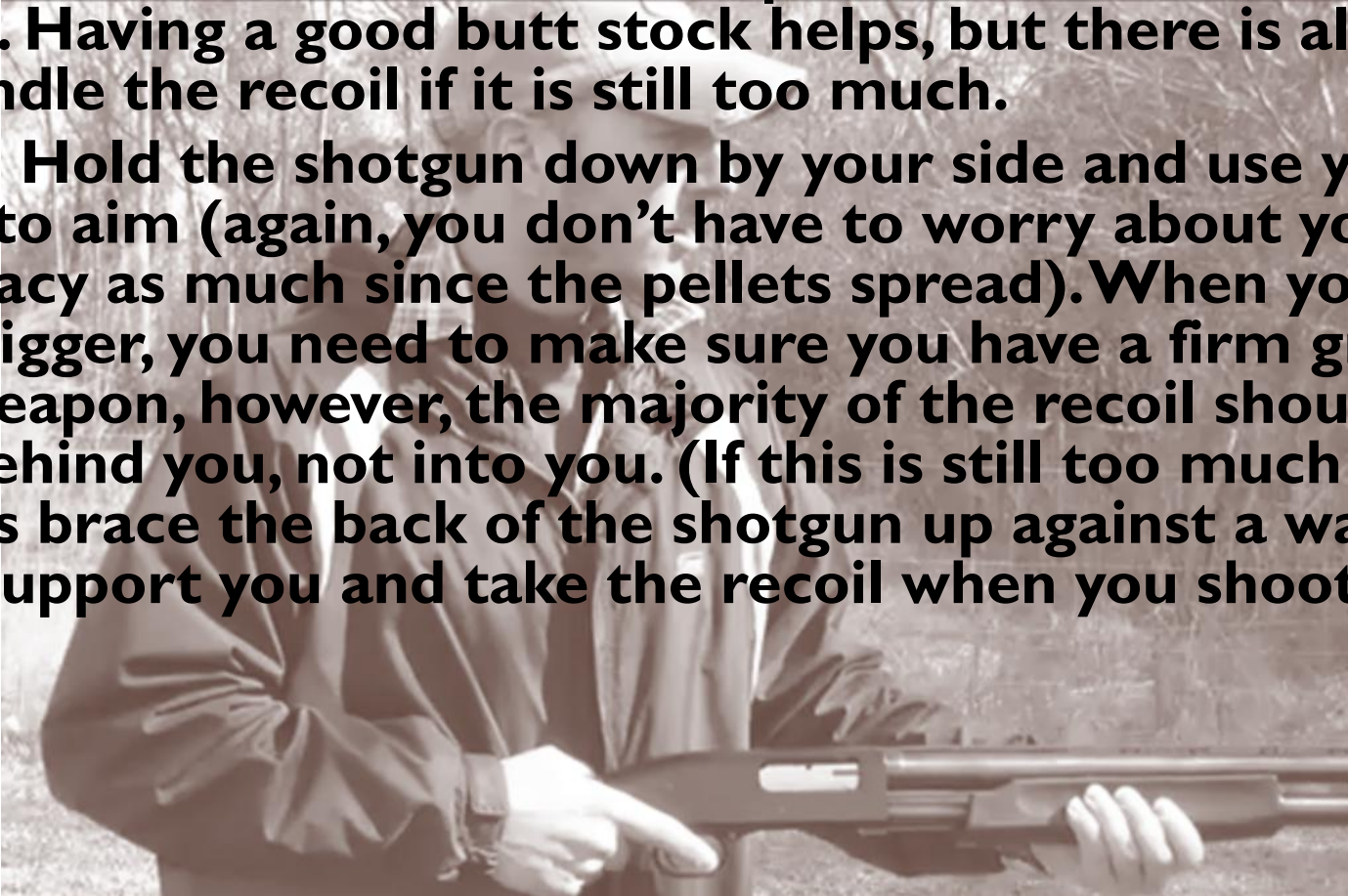
Target Practice



The Recoil

Although the pump action shotgun is a great weapon to use for home defense, it is important to be aware of the recoil. Having a good butt stock helps, but there is also a way to handle the recoil if it is still too much.

Hold the shotgun down by your side and use your body to aim (again, you don't have to worry about your accuracy as much since the pellets spread). When you pull the trigger, you need to make sure you have a firm grip on the weapon, however, the majority of the recoil should go out behind you, not into you. (If this is still too much you can always brace the back of the shotgun up against a wall to help support you and take the recoil when you shoot).





Reloading Under Pressure

Defensive Tactics

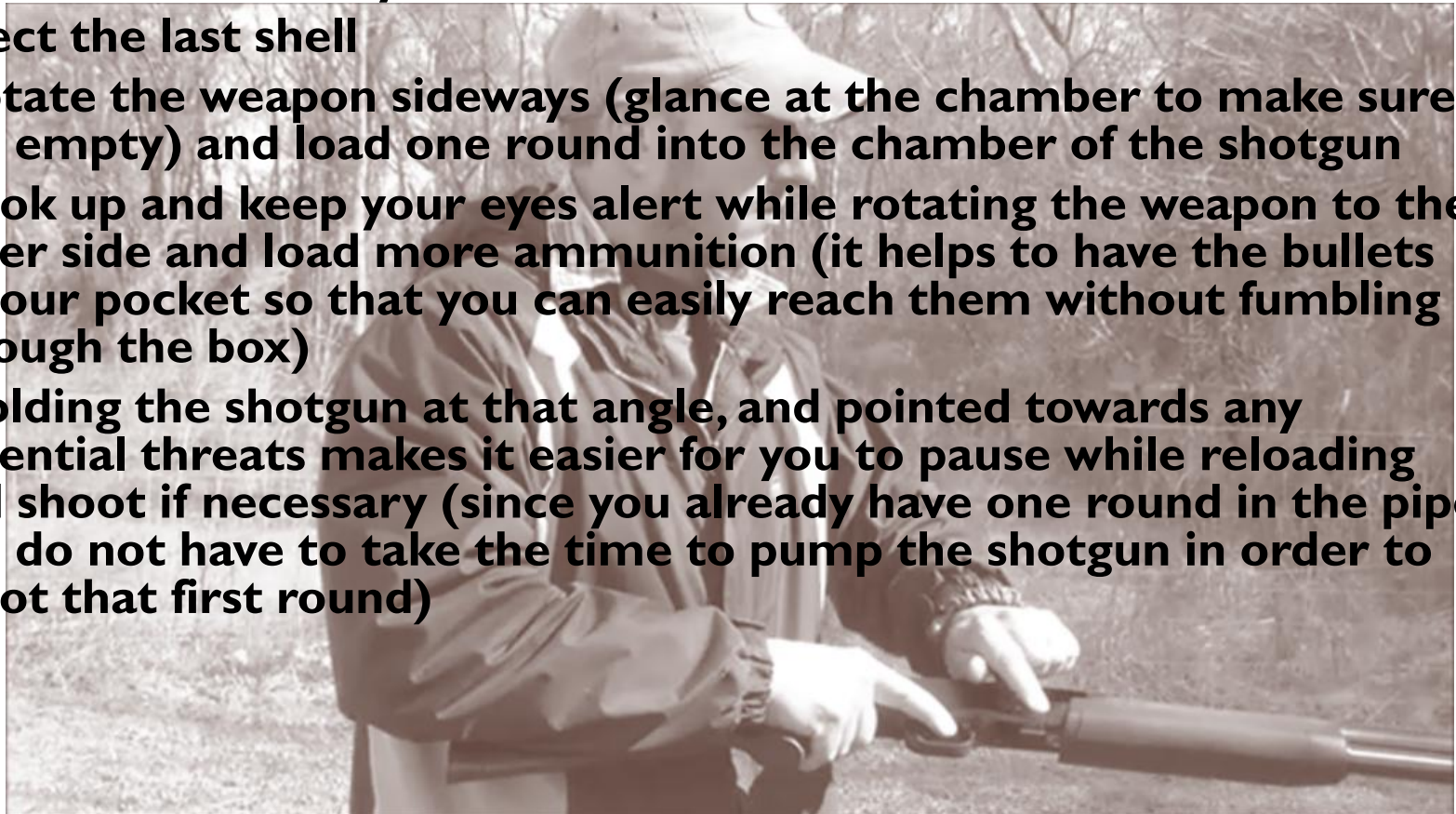


Reloading Under Pressure

It is critical to be able to reload your shotgun in a fast and effective manner while still being able to shoot instantly as you go.

The best way to do this is:

- ▶ **Eject the last shell**
- ▶ **Rotate the weapon sideways (glance at the chamber to make sure it is empty) and load one round into the chamber of the shotgun**
- ▶ **Look up and keep your eyes alert while rotating the weapon to the other side and load more ammunition (it helps to have the bullets in your pocket so that you can easily reach them without fumbling through the box)**
- ▶ **Holding the shotgun at that angle, and pointed towards any potential threats makes it easier for you to pause while reloading and shoot if necessary (since you already have one round in the pipe, you do not have to take the time to pump the shotgun in order to shoot that first round)**





Weapon Jam

Shell Casing Gets Stuck



Weapon Jam

If the shell casing ever gets stuck inside your shotgun, it prevents you from pumping another round into the barrel and firing.

In order to dislodge the empty shell, hold the slide while slamming the butt stock into the ground (warning make sure the barrel stays pointing away from you – the weapon should not fire but use proper gun safety). The impact of hitting the ground and putting more pressure on the slide should jar loose the empty shell enough for it to eject so that you can keep loading (refer to the video for a more clear idea of how this is done).



Homework

Prepare



Homework

- ▶ If circumstances allow, find a shotgun that works for you (if you don't already have one)
- ▶ Practice shooting with your shotgun on a regular basis (at *least* once a month)
- ▶ When you are more familiar with firing the shotgun, practice (very carefully) reloading while looking down range, start out very slow and see if you can safely increase your reload time
- ▶ Keep it clean, learn how to properly clean your shotgun (a dirty weapon is a disaster waiting to happen)
- ▶ Find a place in your home where you can safely keep the shotgun but that it is still in easy reach should you need it



Important Notes

Don't Forget



Important Notes

1. Practice Makes Perfect – if you don't work with your shotgun on a regular basis, it will do you no good
2. If you keep your shotgun loaded, give it a break once a month so that you don't wear out the spring

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