



HOME DEFENSE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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MINIMUM COURSE LENGTH: 2.5 hours (or more if legally required by your state)

0. INTRODUCTION

- **Agenda** (Slide 2, modified to include just pertinent topics)
- **Statistics and Trends** (Slides 3-12)

1. DEVELOPING A PERSONAL- AND HOME-PROTECTION PLAN

- **Defining a Personal-Protection Plan** (Slide 3, including video)
- **Why Conflict Avoidance Is So Important** (Slides 4-6, including video)
- **Home Security** (Slides 34-37)
- **Evaluating Your Home's Security** (Slide 38, including interactive widget)
- **Home Alarms** (Slide 42)
- **Home-Defense Planning** (Slide 43, including interactive widget)
- **Mental Exercises** (Slides 46-47, including interactive widget)

2. SELF-DEFENSE FIREARMS BASICS

- **Universal Safety Rules** (Slides 3-6)
- **Understanding Revolvers** (Slide 14, including video)
- **Understanding Semi-Automatics** (Slide 18, including video)
- **Understanding Magazines** (Slide 31)
- **Ammunition Components** (Slides 48-52)
- **Is Caliber All That Matters?** (Slide 53)
- **Ammunition Care and Storage** (Slides 75-76)
- **Home-Defense Shotgun Fundamentals** (Slide 80)
- **Defining Gauge** (Slide 81)
- **Shot Size** (Slides 82-83)



- **Shotgun Chokes** (Slide 84)
- **The AR-15 Platform** (Slides 86-88, including video)
- **AR-15 Components** (Slide 89, including hot spots as appropriate)

3. DEFENSIVE SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS

- **Defensive Shooting vs. Marksmanship** (Slides 3-4)
- **Proper Grip** (Slides 5-10, including video on Slide 5)
- **Shooting Stance** (Slides 12-15)
- **Aligning the Muzzle to the Target** (Slides 16-20)
- **Unsighted Fire** (Slide 21, including interactive widget)
- **Target Focus** (Slide 29)
- **Front-Sight Focus** (Slide 30)
- **Trigger Control** (Slides 31-34, including rubber-band exercise)

4. THE LEGAL USE OF FORCE

- **Defending the Home** (Slide 28)
- **Defending Property** (Slides 30-31)

5. VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS AND THE AFTERMATH

- **When You're Left With No Other Choice** (Slides 39-43)
- **When the Right to Use Deadly Force Ends** (Slide 44)
- **Phone Calls to Make** (Slides 46-47)
- **When the Police Arrive** (Slide 48)
- **Statement to the Police** (Slide 49)
- **Preserving Evidence** (Slide 50)
- **Miranda Rights** (Slide 51 and video)
- **During and After Your Arrest** (Slides 52-53)
- **Advice for Your Lawyer** (Slide 54)

6. GEAR AND GADGETS

- **Tactical Flashlights** (Slides 13-15 or demonstration)
- **Mounted Lights** (Slide 16 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- **Considering a Laser Sight** (Slides 17-19 or demonstration and discussion of pros and cons)
- **Gun Safes and Storage** (Slide 20 or demonstration)

7. BASIC AND ADVANCED SKILLS

- **Creating a Training Program** (Slide 3)
- **Dry-Firing** (Slides 4-5 or demonstration)
- **Fundamental Drill Discussion** (Slides 6-8 or equivalent)
- **Discussion of What's Next** (Slides 22-25 or equivalent)