Tip of the Week: October 27, 2025

The Armed Citizen's Golden Rule: Avoid, Escape, Defend

Your judgment is your best weapon when you legally carry a gun. The point isn't to win a fight; it's to stay out of one whenever you can.

This is how to think about it:

Stay Away

The best fight is the one you don't get into. Follow your gut. Leave if something doesn't feel right. Don't let your pride, ego, or curiosity get you into a fight. Avoiding something is not being a coward; it's a plan.

Get Away

Your next goal is to get away safely if avoidance doesn't work.

Distance means safety. Go toward the exits, use barriers, and keep your family behind you. Keep in mind that every step you take that makes you farther away also makes you, your loved ones, and bystanders safer.

Defend

You should only use deadly force when you can't get away and your life (or the life of another innocent person) is in immediate danger. Even then, you should act quickly, legally, and with moral clarity. You must act in a way that is both legal and right.

Final Thought

Having a gun doesn't make you powerful; it makes you responsible.

The choices you make before, during, and after a fight will affect you legally and emotionally.