



**BUILDING PERSONAL- AND  
HOME-PROTECTION PLANS**

# Who is the USCCA?

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# Why You Need to Develop a Plan

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- Prepare for how to avoid a violent event.
- Prepare for how to physically react.
- Prepare to defend and fortify your home.
- Prepare for the moral and financial aftermath.



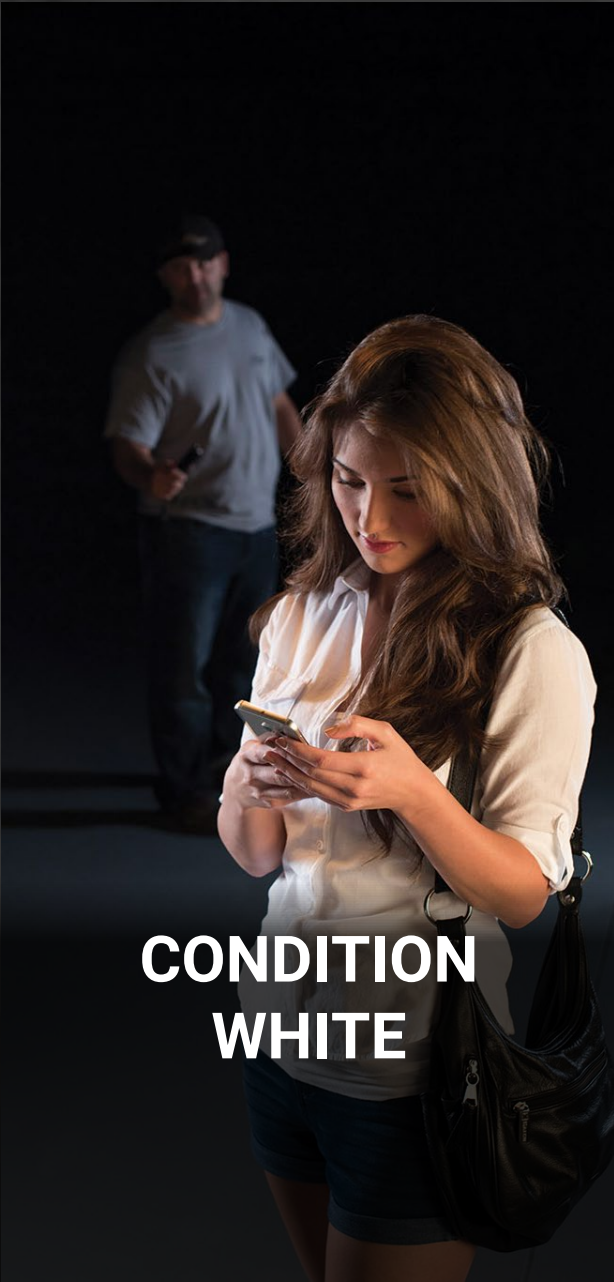


# Four Options When You're Dealing With a Violent Encounter

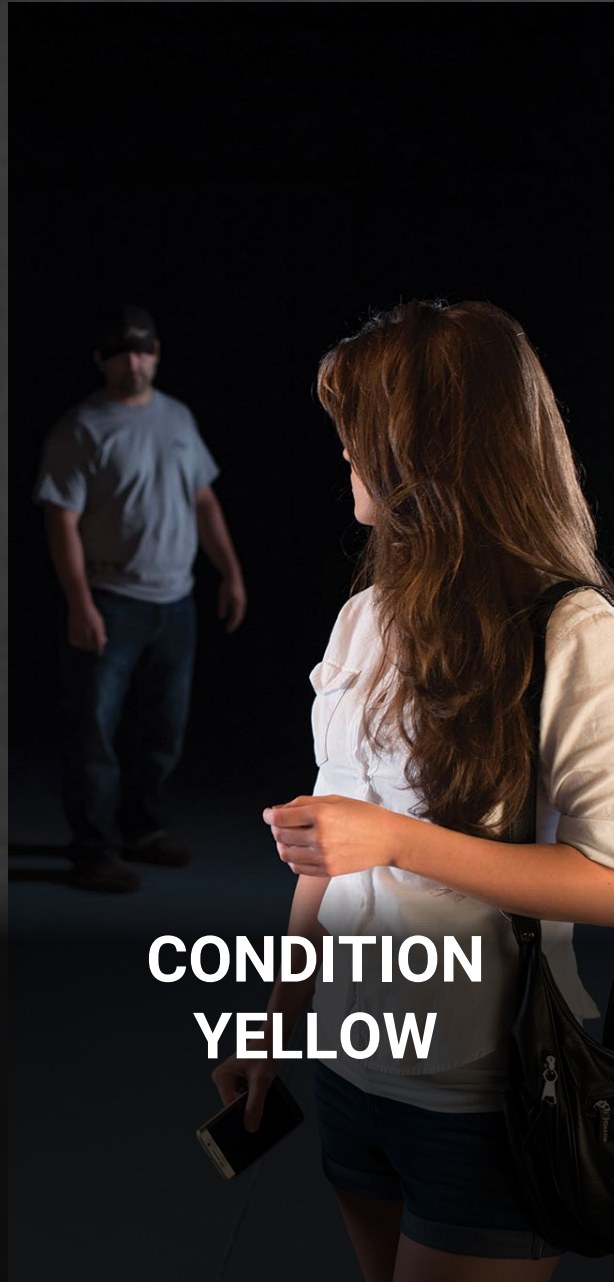
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- Avoid
- Escape
- De-escalate
- Defend

# Color Code of Awareness



**CONDITION  
WHITE**



**CONDITION  
YELLOW**



**CONDITION  
ORANGE**



**CONDITION  
RED**

# Tips to Avoid an Encounter

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- Check your 360-/540-degree environment.
- Maintain a positive body posture.
- Use distance to your advantage.
- Use eye contact to your benefit.



# Practicing Being Aware Every Day

*Make it a game.*



# Types of Force



**VOICE**



**PHYSICAL**



**NON-LETHAL**



**DEADLY**

# Justifying Deadly Force

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- You must be in immediate fear of death or serious bodily harm to yourself or another person.
- You must not have initiated or escalated the incident.
- No lesser force is sufficient or available to stop the threat.
- You have no way to escape from the threat.



# Protecting Your Family and Yourself at Home



# Defending Your Home

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## Using Force To Defend Your Property

- The use of force to defend your property must be reasonable.
- Deadly force is not reasonable solely to defend your property.

## Using Deadly Force To Defend Your Home

- Duty to retreat
- Stand your ground



# Securing Your Home

- Conduct a security evaluation of your home.
- Consider the technology that you use in your home.
- Create a home-safety plan.

## HOME SECURITY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Ensure Your Home Is Secure

### WINDOWS

- Do all windows lock properly? Are they locked? Do the windows have plastic or metal locks?
- Identify all windows on the ground level through which a home invader could potentially fit. Is there anything outside the house that could possibly be used as a step stool to climb through a window?
- What's in front of the windows? For example, are they blocked by a table or other barrier that a home invader would need to climb over, or is the area wide open? Does anything block the view of the windows from the outside, such as a tree or shrubs?
- Are there alarm company stickers on the windows? New, fresh-looking stickers — not stickers that look like they were put on by the previous occupant — can serve as a deterrent.
- If you have standard-hung windows, do you have secondary security devices, such as bar stops? If you have casement windows, do you have standard or reinforced hinges? (Consider upgrading to high-security casement windows.) Do the windows have a protective laminate applied to the inside or baked into the glass?

### DOORS

- Do doors look new, or are they old, faded and primed for a good kick? (Consider adding metal screen doors that lock.)
- What is the quality and strength of the front, back, side and interior garage doors? (It's natural to focus on the strength of the front door, but criminals will target whichever door is the weakest.)
- Are the hinges on the outside or inside? Do you use a deadbolt, chain lock or throw-over lock? (Consider upgrading to high-security door locks.) How long are the screws that are used to mount the strike plate? (You'll actually need to unscrew them to answer this question.)
- Do you have the ability to see who is outside without them seeing you?

### LIGHTING

- Is the house well-lit or poorly lit on all sides? How about the adjoining neighbors' houses? Criminals will not only look for an isolated home that is poorly lit but also target dark homes surrounded by other dark homes. (Consider upgrading the home by adding additional exterior lighting.)

### GENERAL APPEARANCE

- How close are trees or shrubs to the home? Is there anything that a criminal could hide behind while trying to enter a window or door?
- Do you have burglar alarm signs (in new condition) placed at all entry points?

### ALARM

- Do you have a security alarm, and do you set it regularly? (Homes that have alarms are three times less likely to be burglarized.)
- Is the security alarm connected to an alarm service?
- Do you have motion detectors, glass-break sensors and sensors on the windows?

### VALUABLES

- Do you hide your valuables inside the home? Do you keep jewelry, laptops and other valuables out of plain sight?

### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

- Do you observe your surroundings when you're entering or exiting the home?
- Do you proceed with caution before answering the door? For example, if you didn't order a pizza and a pizza delivery man shows up, proceed with caution, as it could be a ruse to rob you.

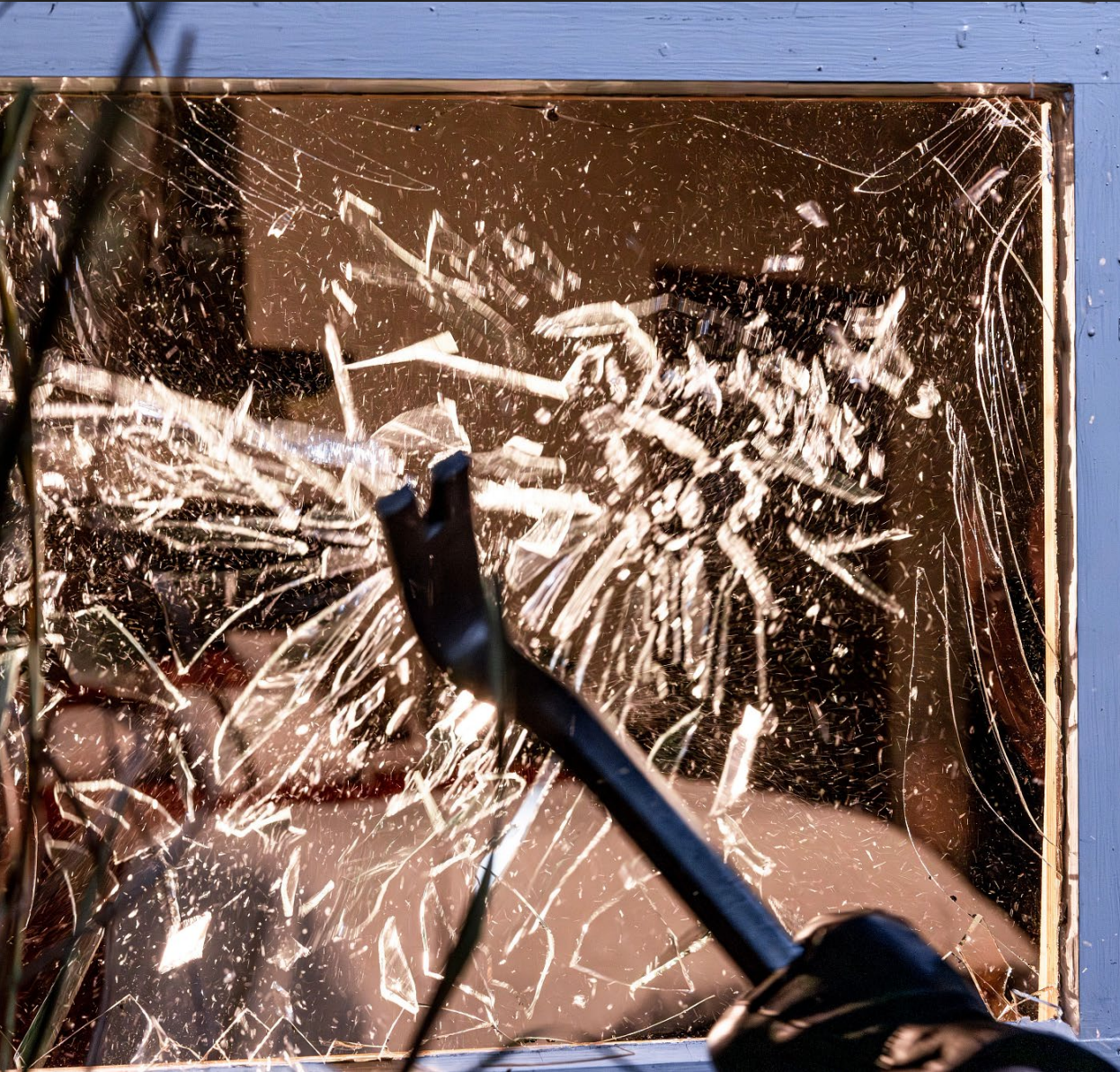
### FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

- Do you have a family emergency plan in place? Take into consideration what each family member will do in several different situations — and make sure to routinely rehearse the plan.



# Windows and Doors

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- Ensure that ground-level windows lock securely.
- Trim trees and bushes that provide concealment near your home.
- Check doors for overall quality and strength.
- Verify that any deadbolts can be properly secured.
- Check the length of the screws used to mount any strike plates.
- Make sure you can see who is at any door without him or her being able to see you.
- Know who has access to any codes used to enter your home.

# Technology

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- What type of outdoor lighting do you have?
- Are the lights motion-activated?
- Can you turn on lights at your home remotely?
- Do you have security cameras at your home?
- Do you have a home-security system?



# Home-Safety Plan

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- Where and how do you store a firearm in your home?
- Where is a “safe room” to which you can retreat?
- How will you call for help?
- How will you communicate with other members of your family?
- If you need to exit the home, where will you go?

# Medical Intervention

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- Take a CPR class.
- Take a Control the Bleed class.
- Create a medical bag.





# “What If This Happens?” Scenarios

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**Upon arriving home, you find the front door open.**

- Is the door or doorjamb damaged?
- Is anyone supposed to be home?
- Who last left through that door?
- Does anything else appear disturbed or out of place?
- Do you enter the home?
- Do you announce yourself?

# “What If This Happens?” Scenarios

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**You’re awakened by the sound of glass shattering in your home.**

- Is anyone expected to be coming home late?
- What follow-up sounds do you hear?
- Do you arm yourself?
- Do you announce yourself?
- Do you turn on lights?
- When do you call 911?
- Do you leave your room to investigate?





# “What If This Happens?” Scenarios

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**While you’re walking alone to your car in a dark grocery-store parking lot, a man begins to approach you.**

- Do you go back into the store?
- Do you make a break for your car?
- What verbalization do you choose to use?
- If he asks for directions, how do you respond?
- How does this situation change if it happens during daylight hours?

# “What If This Happens?” Scenarios

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**You observe two youths in your neighbor's driveway entering your neighbor's car.**

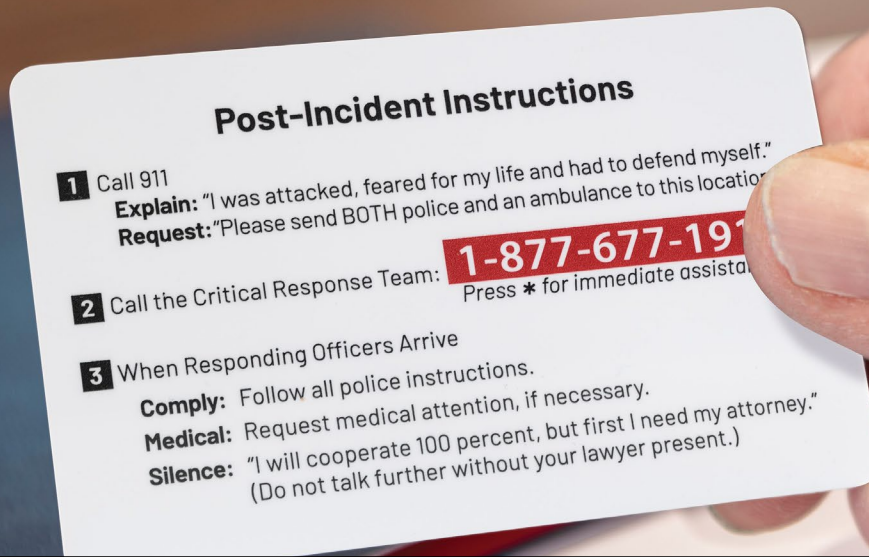
- Do you go outside and confront them?
- Do you call your neighbor?
- Do you call the police?
- Do you yell from your porch?





**QUESTIONS?**

# USCCA Self-Defense Liability Insurance



**\$2,000,000**  
**Annual Liability**

**NO LIMIT Defense**  
**Expenses**

**\$250,000**  
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