



**SHOULD I
SHOOT?**

Topics Covered

- Is It Legally Justifiable?
- Can I Shoot?
- Am I Willing to Live With the Consequences?
- Scenarios



Is It Legally Justifiable?

- Immediate deadly threat
- Innocent party
- No lesser force
- No means of escape





Can I Shoot?

- Size of the target
- Distance from the target
- Movement of the target

Can I Shoot?

- Target orientation
- Weapon accessibility





Can I Shoot?

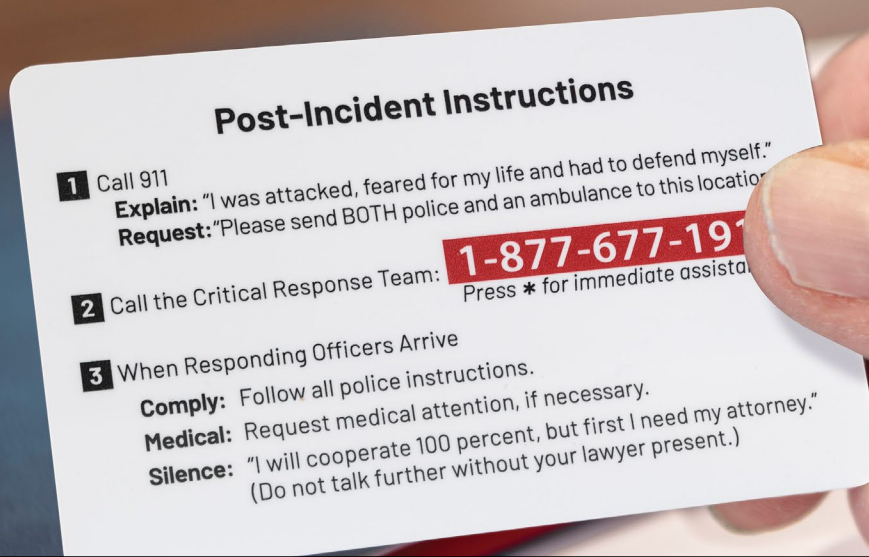
- Target acquisition
- Target identification
- Target isolation

Am I Willing to Live With the Consequences?

- Jail or prison time
- Financial ruin

- Serious injury or death
- Damaged personal relationships

USCCA Self-Defense Liability Insurance



\$2,000,000
Annual Liability

NO LIMIT Defense
Expenses

\$250,000
Bail Expense

Critical
Response Team



Scenarios

Evening Walk

- You're taking a walk in your neighborhood after supper.
- You hear a car approaching you from behind. As it passes, you see it slow down quickly and pull over about 20 feet ahead of you.
- A hooded man jumps out of the passenger seat and begins walking quickly toward you.
- You notice he's holding a gun in his hand down by his side.





Food Court

- You're eating lunch at a mall food court between running errands.
- About 50 feet away from you, a children's choir is singing to a crowd of parents and shoppers.
- You notice a suspicious-looking man with a large duffel bag enter the food court and walk toward the gathered crowd. When he reaches the edge of the crowd, he stops, positioning himself between you and the choir.
- He suddenly pulls a rifle from the bag and points it at the unsuspecting group of shoppers.

Movie Night

- You're at home with your teenage son and are getting ready for your weekly movie-night tradition.
- The two of you are talking in the kitchen while you wait for the popcorn to finish popping when your son hears a noise coming from your attached garage.
- He opens the door and sees a man with a crowbar who has broken into the garage.
- Your son lunges at the man, and a fight ensues. During the struggle, the only light in the garage breaks, shrouding them both in darkness.
- You see their shadows grappling with each other as the fight quickly moves to a darkened corner of the garage. You can tell one of them clearly has the upper hand, but you can't tell which one.





Phone Call

- You get a frantic call from your mother asking you to come to the house.
- Your father has dementia, and it has taken a turn for the worse. Your mother is worried that he will hurt himself.
- When you arrive, you hear screaming coming from inside the house.
- You rush in and see your father threatening your mother with a large kitchen knife.
- He turns toward you as you enter, screams, “Who are you?” and charges at you with the knife raised.

Date Night

- You're having dinner with your spouse at an upscale restaurant.
- Your spouse leaves to use the restroom, which is on the opposite side of the restaurant.
- About 20 seconds later, you hear screams and gunshots coming from the waiting area near the front entrance.
- You rush around the corner and see a man holding a gun. Some people are lying on the floor, while others are running for exits or ducking under their tables.
- The man with the gun locks eyes with you.





Day Care Pickup

- You're helping a family friend by picking up her 3-year-old from day care.
- After you buckle the child into his car seat, you walk around the vehicle and get into the driver's seat.
- As you finish buckling your seat belt, the front passenger door opens. A man climbs inside, points a gun at your head, and says, "Give me the keys."



QUESTIONS?

Next Steps



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