



## Top 5 “Post-Shooting” Mistakes

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### Overconfidence Is A Problem

There are 5 serious mistakes that even experienced shooters make when it comes to the aftermath, the LEGAL side of a shooting.

- The emotional and financial traumas of legal issues after a shooting are immense.
- There’s a lot of misinformation out there.
- Even the things you say online can be used against you.

### 1. Leaving The Scene Of A Shooting

You might NEED to leave a shooting, and people have done so.

- Maybe a spouse or other loved one is waiting for you.
- You won’t necessarily be thinking rationally after the shock and trauma of a shooting.
- You might think you’re not safe. (If you’re not safe, you HAVE to leave to stay alive.)
- Your phone might be dead or missing and you need to find a phone.
- You’ll have to support, in a court of law, why you left the scene if you had a reason. Looks can be deciding; don’t leave unless it’s a matter of safety.

### 2. Tampering With The Scene

There ARE reasons people change the scene.

- Some people clean up so their homes so they won’t look messy when the cops come. They don’t realize this is all evidence.
- Neighbors or bystanders might see you moving things around. This will be interpreted as “tampering.”
- You might have made a mistake, thought someone was armed, and shot them.

Defenders have placed weapons near downed attackers for this reason.

- Communicate that you were in fear for your life and justify that. NEVER tamper.

### 3. Talking Too Much... To YOURSELF!

Obviously, you don’t want to talk too much to the police, but this is different.

- 911 operators are trained to keep you on the phone and keep you talking. Assume you are being recorded EVEN WHEN ON HOLD.
- Your emotional reactions may seem out of place and could be used against you.
- Don’t plead your case or try to justify yourself. Just give the operator the info.

### 4. Assuming Cops Are Your Friends

Cops have a dangerous job. When they show up, they are arriving at a shooting. Just because you’re the good guy, don’t think they know it or will treat you that way.

- Don’t have your gun IN YOUR HAND.
- Don’t try to explain or plead your case.
- Don’t respond to attempts to build rapport.

### 5. Don’t Assume Cops Are Your ENEMIES

This is the other side of the coin.

- Cops may treat you like you’re the bad guy until they assess the scene (or after that).
- Assume responding officers will treat you that way. Roll with it and be polite.
- Comply. Ask to speak with your lawyer before you provide information beyond who you are and that you were in fear for your life.

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