



Defense At The Door

with Jacob Paulsen from www.ConcealedCarry.com

Your Home Is A Battlefield

When multiple thugs enter your home, the front line for your defense is the front door.

- You must harden and defend the front door.
- The main entrance is a critical choke point.
- Home invaders WANT you to be home. Brutalizing you is part of what they desire.

Fortify Your Home

The best way to avoid an ambush is not to have one in the first place.

- Reinforce the front door to make it hard to kick in. Many entry point doors don't have deadbolts, let alone reinforced jambs. Many are not solid, one-panel doors. Purchase and install a reinforcement kit from Amazon.
- Lighting at the door helps deter criminals, who prefer darkness. It also allows you to see who is at the door.
- You HAVE to know who's at the door before you open it. Install a peephole, a camera doorbell, or whatever else you need.

Home Invaders Will Be Armed

You must be armed and prepared too.

- Keep your weapon ON you whenever possible.
- Staging a gun means keeping it in a locked safe of some kind.
- Face reality and carry the gun with you in your home. Even if you don't have your permit, you should still be doing concealed carry training.

The Right And Wrong Way To Answer The Door

Avoid mistakes at the main entry point.

- Do not open the door more than is absolutely necessary.
- Turn your foot at an angle and use it as an anchor to block the door from opening.
- Do NOT expose your BODY more than is necessary. Use the door for concealment.

Defending From The Door

A fight at your main entrance will be UGLY.

- Win the physical fight you're in. Gain control over the enemy's weapon in any way possible.
- The SECOND fight is you going for your own weapon AFTER you've won the FIRST fight.
- If your physical limitations are an issue, you need two core shooting skills:
 - Moving to cover while shooting
 - Close quarters combat with a firearm

Practicing For Door Defense

Dry fire practice is VERY useful. Make sure every occupant knows not to open the door unless they know who's there, and that they open it correctly. Here's a drill you can do:"

- At your door, open it. Assume a threat.
- Draw, present, and fire two shots.
- You can even set up a target or use a training partner (with airsoft and appropriate eye protection).

Prepare. Train. Survive.