



Data-Driven Defense Tactics

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Fighting Back In The Face Of Violence

I saw a great article on this [here](#) and thought I would share some of my insights.

Will An Attacker Be Armed?

The numbers may surprise you:

- 26% of offenders were armed with some type of weapon
- 10% of violent criminals use a gun.
- 8% of rapists are armed.
- Conclusion: The MAJORITY of violent criminals aren't armed.

Armed Criminals Aren't As "Armed" as You Might Think

The attacker may have a gun, but...

- Criminals often carry cheap, unreliable, poorly maintained firearms and sell off stolen good ones for drugs.
- 30% of robberies are conducted with UNLOADED guns.
- 10-15% of robberies are conducted with "guns" that aren't real (toys, air guns, etc.)
- 13% of firearms weren't functional
- Conclusion: There is a good chance, statistically, that an attacker won't be able to shoot you before you take him down.

Will Criminals Try To Hurt You?

- Only 4.6% of victims attacked by firearm-wielding attackers were shot.
- Violent, armed criminals are as likely or more likely to pistol-whip, club, or stab their victims rather than shooting them.
- Attackers with clubs hurt their victims 36% of the time; knives 12.7% of the time.

- 40% of the felons in one study claimed they fired only to scare their victims.
- 34% of felons in the same study said they shot to injure or kill their victims.
- Conclusion: Criminals are much more likely to use clubs and knives to injure their victims or miss with a firearm

Will You Survive The Attack?

Your chances are actually pretty good:

- Criminal hit rates with firearms range from 3-30%.
- 92% of victims hospitalized for firearms injuries leave the hospital alive; knife attacks = 98.9% survival rate.
- Almost half of people shot in criminal assaults are struck in the extremities.
- 8% of firearms assaults are lethal. Knife attacks are only 1.1% fatal.

Per the research, you are better off resisting than complying in an attack. Fighting back can save your life!

Defense & Training "By The Numbers"

Adjust your protection plan based on reality:

- Comply with an attacker if it's a robbery... until it's a bigger threat, then fight back!
- You don't want a "knife fight". Carry a firearm if you're ready, willing, able... and trained!
- Use "decoys" to comply and force a criminal to show his next move.
- Train for extreme close-quarters attacks BEFORE an attack!
- Carry a medical trauma kit in case you're injured anyway... and know how to use it!

Prepare. Train. Survive.