



Overseas Everyday Carry Weapons

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Traveling In Dangerous Areas

When you go out of the country, you still need to be armed. Here are 5 weapons that I carry when I travel in non-permissive environments. A weapon is the key to evening the odds against assailants who are more experienced with violence and who will attack when they have a perceived advantage (numbers, etc.).

1. Tactical Flashlight

Your tactical flashlight doesn't need to be very large to be effective.

- These are useful for daily utility, not just self-defense.
- Lights with a "strobe" feature may disorient an attacker in low light.
- Flashlights can be used as striking tools and some have crenelated bezels to do more
- Flashlights can prevent crime, as the light tells criminals they can't easily get close while remaining unseen.

2. Tactical Pen

You can get a free tactical pen at www.freetacticalpen.com.

- You want a metal pen with a striking tip.
- You don't want to have to remove the pen cap in order to use the striking implement.
- Tactical pens are available literally everywhere. You want one that you can just "grab and go" with.
- Keep in mind that the more aggressive your pen looks, the less likely it will be that you can take it through a security checkpoint such as when flying.
- Some pens even have flashlights built in.

3. Ka-Bar Tactical Spork

This is a product made by the knife company Ka-Bar that is basically a spork (spoon and fork) with a knife concealed inside.

- This is a good eating utensil, actually, because while using the spork you can also use the separate serrated knife.
- The knife is surprisingly sturdy and effective.
- Keep in mind that the blade may make this item a no-go for certain security checkpoints if you are carrying it with you. Checking it may be an option.
- Check out the spork [here](#).

4. Padlock With Long Shackle

I carry a padlock that has a nearly four-inch shackle.

- This is an improvised striking tool that will usually get through security checkpoints without a hassle.
- The long shackle serves as a handle.
- The body of the lock forms the striking surface.
- Use hammer strikes and make use of the sharp corners of the lock body.

5. Cigar Tube Of Sand/Salt

This is actually based on an old "ninja" technique for distracting your enemy.

- I learned this from my friend Brian Stein.
- You can pop the cap and spray this out in an arc at eye level to blind multiple attackers.
- Sand or salt in the eyes is incredibly painful.
- This is legal and doable most anywhere.

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