



## AR Pistol Tactics For Home Defense

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### Why An AR Pistol?

The AR pistol is actually one of the best choices for home defense. It's basically a legal short-barreled rifle.

- Modularity is the biggest benefit of the AR platform. Tactics and weapons evolve often.
- Two-handed weapons are easier to use.
- The weapon is short and maneuverable.
- The 5.56/.223 round has better stopping power than a handgun bullet in most cases.
- Weapon capacity is a big factor (30/40 rds)
- You can shoot from a pistol brace as well as you can from a shoulder stock.
- The AR pistol is more easily transported.
- Legalities vary from state, so check the law.

### AR Pistol Features You Need (Or Don't)

There are many options from which to pick.

- Caliber is the first factor. Stick to 5.56. Remember, you cannot fire 5.56 through a .223 barrel, but you can fire .223 through a 5.56 barrel.
- Look tight mating of upper/lower receivers.
- Avoid heavy barrels.
- There's no need to modify the controls.
- Stick with a name brand, even if you spend a little bit more.
- A model with a buffer tube can be used to brace against your cheek.
- Go with the shortest barrel you can, legally.

### Accessories For The AR Pistol

You want white light, a red dot, and a sling:

- You definitely want a white light on the gun.
- A simple on/off thumb button is best for a light. Wires are awkward and unneeded.

- You MUST be able to identify your target in low light.
- Red dot optics simplify the aiming process. There are multiple options.
- A sling is important. It's basically a holster, allowing you to free up your hands.
- Backup iron sights are critical.
- Set up your rifle so that it is comfortable and you can easily access the accessories.
- Avoid multiple angled optics, scopes, bayonets, night vision, etc. Keep it simple.
- Do NOT add a vertical pistol foregrip, which turns your pistol into an illegal weapon. Angled grips can provide the positive stop you need.

### Home Defense Tactics With The AR Pistol

Stay in your safe room and monitor the entrances. Act, don't react.

- AR pistols are easy to store in a safe room.
- A rifle forces you to lead with your muzzle into a room, tipping off invaders. AR pistols improve this situation for you.
- The shorter the barrel, the easier it is to maneuver and clear the home if you must.
- You can brace under your arm to free up your support arm for use.

### AR Pistol Training Drill

Get an airsoft AR15 and configure it similar to your pistol. Set up some targets throughout the house and practice slowly. Do basic room clearing, practice with angles, then step it up. Not every scenario should be a shoot scenario. Remember, AR pistols are LOUD.

*Prepare. Train. Survive.*