



## CCW For Women: Revolver Vs. Auto

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### Choosing A Concealed Weapon

This is a very personal choice.

- Ask questions before you jump to a conclusion. This is important!
- There are certain steps you should take.
- Your gun won't save you unless...
  - You can get to it.
  - You can operate it.
  - You can pull the trigger (mentally)

### Why Do You Want A Firearm?

Are you **certain** you could pull the trigger?

- We often resist the idea of shooting another person. This is a documented phenomenon.
- Women have a natural, maternal, giving instinct, which is very powerful.
- It may be harder for you to take a life unless you frame it as protecting someone else.
  - Could you hunt and, say, shoot a deer?
  - When practicing live fire, shoot a realistic target. Also, consider force-on-force.
  - If you are hesitant shooting a realistic target, that emotion tells you how effective you might be in shooting an attacker.
- Guns are not the only option, and for some people, they may not be the best idea. For example, consider a taser, a personal alarm, pepper spray, etc.

### Can You Get To That Weapon?

Where are you going to carry it, and with what mode of dress will you be carrying your gun?

- Some types of clothing are better suited than others to carrying, supporting, and concealing a potentially heavy weapon.
- Purse carry is not ideal, because of the threat of theft and need to fight to the gun.
- An in-hand backup weapon can help.

- A revolver has advantages when it comes to purse carry. It is ready to go with a long pull of the trigger and more reliable when firing through the purse itself.
- (Don't forget that when carrying a semi-auto, if you don't have a round in the chamber, that's another step to rack the first round.)
- Debris in a purse could foul your gun.
- Semi-autos are flatter and more concealable with a wide variety of women's clothes/holsters.

### Can You Operate That Weapon?

You must be able to deploy the weapon under stress. Plan for the worst-case scenario. How quickly can you get to your gun, and how easy is it to operate? What if it malfunctions?

- You will most likely be ambushed.
- Don't choose a gun with a manual safety (revolvers have the advantage here).
- Knowledge/Training/Thought Process all matter. Revolvers are simple to operate but semi-autos are faster to reload. Revolvers rarely malfunction compared to semi-autos, but revolver failures are more often critical.
- Do you have the body strength to rack the slide if you choose a semi-auto?
- Consider custom mods for ease of use.
- People often mentally freeze before they register that their gun has malfunctioned.
- TRAINING can overcome hurdles, but go with the simpler option if you won't train more.
- More comfortable/concealable = better.
- Train to fight at extreme close quarters.

### Resources

- [Col Dave Grossman's Pistol Customizations](#)
- [Dene Adams Women's Holsters](#)
- [The "Praxis Gunfighting Method"](#)

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