

REALLY BAD HOME-DEFENSE WEAPONS

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My Own “Home-Defense” Story

- Jeff related [my own home invasion defense story](#) this week.
- I didn’t have a gun, but I did have a razor-sharp machete, and that was a good choice.
- I DIDN’T have a flashlight with me when I first went outside, and that was a BAD choice.
- People make some weird choices when it comes to “alternative” home-defense weapons. Let’s talk about some of them.

1. Baseball Bat

- For whatever reason (Mom, baseball, and apple pie, maybe) this is the weapon non-weapon people always seem to think will solve all their problems.
- It’s intuitive and it hits hard, but it’s very unwieldy and relatively easy to counter.
- A better option is a billy club or baton, if you can have one legally.

2. Dart Gun

- I have been seeing these spring-loaded dart guns crop up for a few years now. It’s a box full of springs with an individual button for each little metal spear dart.
- These hit HARD, but they’re awkward to use and not very accurate (no sights on the gun).
- A better option is a crossbow pistol, although even THIS is pretty limited. Still, it’s better than an actual crossbow, because it’s more maneuverable and it’s faster to reload.

3. Medieval Weapons

- I’ve seen news articles about guys using battle axes and even decorator weapons to defend themselves.
- If it’s stupid but it works, it isn’t stupid. Still, there are better options.
- Using a fantasy weapon for home defense is going to paint you like some kind of loon, so an improvised weapon (something big and heavy) is probably a better option. Heck, even the traditional “fireplace poker” is probably better (as long as you have a fireplace).

4. Sword

- I’m a big fan of swords, and a sword is actually a really effective weapon.
- The problem with swords for home defense is that, like other “fantasy” weapons, they kind of paint you like a lunatic if you use them.
- That one kid who played a Power Ranger actually almost got off on murder charges until his story fell apart, and he used a sword.
- A much better option is a machete, which is more modern and just as effective.

5. No Flashlight/Bad Flashlight

- You NEED a reliable flashlight!
- An inexpensive, bright, focusable light like the [Viper Weapon Light](#) is a better option.

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