

# 911 MISTAKES YOU DON'T KNOW

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## The Call That Can Save Your Life Can Also Put You In Prison

There are a few things you may not know, or may not REMEMBER, when you've made that call after a self-defense shooting and the cops are rushing to your doorstep...

### 1. 911 Calls Are Recorded Even When You're On "Hold"

- The prosecution will take any words you say on the 911 call and twist them to imply something that can be used against you, no matter how harmless you think those words are.
- Every word out of your mouth on that 911 call needs to be the facts and nothing but the facts.
- State where you are... what your name is... and what kind of help you're requesting (and ambulance and the police).
- Always remember Number 2, which is...

### 2. The 911 Operator Is TRAINED To Keep You Talking

- The 911 operator is trying to get as much "instant truth" from you as possible, before you have time to think about what to say.
- This is an extremely useful tactic in cases where someone is trying to cover up a crime.
- You don't want to get trapped into saying something that can be used against you in court.

- If you just shot someone, you'll be stressed.
- You won't be thinking clearly, and you'll have a tendency to rattle off at the mouth, feeling compelled to explain yourself. Do NOT do that.

### 3. You Are NOT Required To Stay On The Line

- Once you've delivered the important information, you aren't required to stay on with the 911 operator.
- The operator will tell you to stay on, but this isn't a legal requirement.
- Hanging up will not have ramifications in court and might be the best thing for you.
- Tell them who you are, where you are, and what help you need, then go.
- Do NOT claim responsibility. Instead of saying, "I shot someone," say, "There was a shooting," etc.
- You may WANT to stay on the line because you want to make sure you CONTINUE to be safe.
- Use your time on the call to your advantage by saying things that could help you in court, but that's a judgment call, and there's risk involved if you say something that doesn't help (or hurts).
- Avoid making little mistakes that could hurt you in court later. There are more than you think. For example, [only 20% of shooters pass all the shoot/don't shoot questions in this online quiz.](#)

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