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The American Gun Association (AGA) provides information, tools, training, and support for gun owners throughout the USA.

The AGA stands and advocates for responsible gun ownership, as well as protecting our right to bear arms. Our mission is simple: **protect our guns, protect ourselves.**

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY



America's political atmosphere is rife with conflict right now. From how our country is handling the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic to the recent and ongoing racially-charged riots against police brutality, we're seeing more division than unity.

And that means right now, protecting yourself and your family needs to be your number 1 priority. No excuses and no more postponing.

To help make sure you're on the right track, here are our 5 essential tips for protecting your family.

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The **American Gun Owner** is the official monthly publication of the **American Gun Association (AGA)**. We provide you with **information, tools, training, support, and an active online community**.

WHY WE EXIST

There are many threats to your safety and security, and gun ownership is being challenged more than ever before. We support and defend the rights of responsible gun owners throughout the USA.

OUR MISSION

Over the years, AGA has helped over **85,000 gun owners** stay safe and secure.

We help to educate and inform you about how to stay safe. Our goal is to provide you with at least **10x the value** of your modest membership fee.

OUR MEMBERS

Our members are hard working Americans like you, from all walks of life, backgrounds and locations, united in advocating the right to own firearms to defend themselves and their family. Our members are aware of the serious responsibilities that come with owning guns, and safety is their #1 priority

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MEET THE EXPERTS

CRAIG CAUDILL



Craig Caudill has spent a lifetime practicing and teaching survival, preparedness and self-reliance, skills. He is the director of the Nature Reliance School and teaches these skills in the midwestern and southeastern U.S.

He is an incredibly active blogger and writer for several different blogs and self-reliance magazines. He has appeared on educational television teaching self-reliance skills multiple times.

He has a worldwide student base who study with him through his online self-reliance school. Craig considers himself a student in all things and is regularly studying with other instructors, thinking and practicing outside the box of conventional wisdom, and honing both his abilities and teaching methods.

His students have included military operators, law enforcement special response units, and many average ordinary law-abiding citizens.

JEREMY PARSONS



Jeremy Parsons is a former Marine sniper with multiple combat deployments overseas. He is truly a world-class expert at handling firearms.

Jeremy is a native of Austin, Texas. He joined the Marines at the age of 20 and quickly realized his passion for both the military and for shooting.

His passion for helping and instructing other gun owners led him to open a business where people can learn to be proficient with their firearms and feel more comfortable owning them.

Once hitting his unit he signed up for the scout sniper indoctrination and made his way into the platoon.

After a deployment to Iraq, he attended and graduated from Scout Sniper School and gained the title of **Marine Scout Sniper**.

Following a deployment to Afghanistan and starting a family he decided to leave the Marines and spend more time at home.

When returning to Austin his passion and skill lead him to start a company that would allow him to do what he loves to do, namely instruct and shoot.

CHRISTINE ZÁDOR



Christine Zádor is the President & CEO of San Joaquin Rifle and Pistol Range, Inc. (SJRPR) located in Linden, CA. Her parents opened the range in 1979. Christine has dedicated herself to carrying on her parent's legacy by continuing to operate and develop the range today. Christine's dream is to make San Joaquin Rifle and Pistol Range a top-notch shooting facility.

Christine Zádor has created a long history of success in several different industries, however her true passion is in the firearms industry. Before taking ownership of SJRPR she attended the University of Southern California, where she played water polo and won an NCAA Women's Championship. She later co-founded a water polo board company named Zaqua Boards, and has been coaching water polo for many years.

Ever the adventurer, Christine also enjoys swimming, hiking, horseback riding, and traveling to meet and learn stories of Veterans in determination to make a difference in their healing process.

Christine is an avid shooter and currently competes in the USPSA, American Marksman, and competes in nationwide competitions.

Create a Disaster Plan

No matter how prepared you think you are, if you don't have a disaster plan, all your preparations might as well have gone to waste. This is because, without a disaster plan - specifically one simple enough for all your household members to easily remember - you'll end up scrambling for essential items almost left behind.

If you don't already have a disaster plan, start by thinking about the type of emergencies you and your family are most likely to face. Are you in an area where violent protests are very prevalent right now? Or are you more likely to be dealing with natural disasters?

Identifying the most tangible threats to your family helps you focus your preparations accordingly, without wasting efforts on highly unlikely scenarios.

You also need to re-evaluate and update your disaster plan at least once per year.

If you're still feeling unsure, here's a basic how-to guide:

1. **Ask yourself the relevant questions:**
 - a. How will you stay updated with emergency alerts and news?
 - b. Do you have a shelter plan and evacuation route?
 - c. How will you communicate with your family when SHTF?
 - d. Do you need to update your emergency prep kit?
 - e. How will you defend yourself? (defensive weapons, a firearm, etc.)

2. **Make a plan with your family based on the answers to the previous questions.**
3. **Consider specific needs, such as dietary or medical needs, pets, disabilities, etc.**
4. **Create a Family Emergency Plan.**
5. **Practice your disaster plan with your family.**

Financial Security

All things considered, we're facing the possibility of the Great Depression repeating itself. So as difficult as the pandemic measures might be, you still need to focus on your family's financial security.

Now is not the time to be accruing debt. Instead, you should be focusing on paying off your current debt - especially high-interest debts, like credit cards.

Make sure you have a healthy emergency fund set up too. The general rule of thumb is to have 3 to 6 months' expenses saved up - but if you can keep adding to it while you still have a reliable income, you'll be better off when SHTF.

Check Your Insurance Policies

Speaking of finances, it's time to check your insurance policies and make sure you're properly covered. A second wave of COVID-19 and strict lockdown measures could lead to severe losses if you own a business. Rioting and looting will almost certainly do the same - and not just with commercial property. Plus, your savings will only last so long if you need to use them for recovering. Again, look at the most tangible threats and consider whether your various insurance policies are providing sufficient cover.

Protect Important Family Documents

Make sure you have valid certified copies (and secured originals) of:

- **Identification records**
- **Insurance policies**
- **Property inventories with appraisals (for insurance purposes)**
- **Recent banking, investment, and retirement account statements**
- **Car titles and registration**
- **Property deeds, mortgages, and/or rental contracts**
- **Military records**





- **Credit card, loan, and utilities records**
- **Tax returns**
- **Firearm licenses**

You can easily add a dozen other documents to this list, but these are the most common examples.

If SHTF and you need to produce any of these important documents, you should be able to. It could be the difference between receiving your due compensation and sitting without.

Arm Yourself

As a member of the American Gun Association, you certainly don't need reminding that the Second Amendment gives you the right to a firearm.

And when it comes to protecting your family, owning a firearm is essential. After all, what happens when you need immediate protection in the aftermath of a SHTF scenario? Even in current world circumstances, people who never previously did so are now turning to firearms for protection.

The thing is, if you own or plan on purchasing a firearm, you also need to make sure you're thoroughly trained in how to handle them - and that goes

for the specific gun you're using as well.

We have dozens of resources to help you find the best defensive weapons for you and your family, as well as how to be a responsible gun owner.

However, to get you started, here are a few basic tips for newbies and veterans alike:

- Don't choose the first firearm you see - do your research. This not only means using the internet to do in-depth research on the type of firearm you own or plan on

purchasing, but also consulting with professionals.

- Choose a trusted gun supplier. Just like you did research on your specific firearm, you should also do research on the gun supplier you plan on purchasing from. Do they have reviews? Are they trusted? Be sure you're not falling for a sales pitch.
- You don't need to listen to everyone. New moms and new gun owners have something in common: people constantly trying to give their opinion. The thing is, what works for someone else might not work for you. Remember opinions are not rules.
- Never stop training. You should train before you purchase a firearm, after you purchase a firearm, and regularly for the duration of how long you plan on owning a firearm. Even if you don't plan on using your firearm, never stop training. Go to the range and practice dry fire shooting on a regular basis.





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STARTER GUIDE



The American Gun Association is happy to welcome all of our new members to the fold!

To help make sure everyone feels at home and knows what to expect as a member, we've put together this short AGA Starter Guide.

THE CURRENT SITUATION & THE AGA

We live in very uncertain times.

The global COVID-19 pandemic presented Americans with a unique and not altogether understood threat to our physical health. With measures being put in place to curb the spread of the virus, we've also seen a drastic economic impact, not only locally, but internationally.



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It's a sad truth that many people lost their jobs or are working reduced hours as a result. And as production slows and distribution is interrupted, prices are steadily rising while incomes are reduced.

Some financial experts believe we might be fast approaching another recession, spurred on by fears of a second wave and increasingly drastic lockdown measures.

Desperate times like these breed desperate men and women who are willing to use violence to further themselves.

And, as we saw with the huge increase in demand for legally owned firearms when the COVID-19 lockdown measures were first being introduced, the American population is waking up to the need of protection against such desperate persons.

As the truism goes, "when seconds count, the police are only minutes away."

On top of the pandemic, our nation was rocked by violent riots and looting following the death of George Floyd. Businesses, neighborhoods, and lives were lost. Clashes between rioters and police and the defense force only served to heighten tensions.

At the American Gun Association, it is our mission to help you exercise your Second Amendment Right to own a firearm. It is our hope and our belief that the American people will continue to stand against those seeking to strip us of this right to protect ourselves.

The American Gun Association does not discriminate based on race or class. We believe all Americans are protected by the American Constitution and our Bill of Rights - and above all, in the right to protect family from any and all threats, to the best of your ability and the ability of your community.

Over the years, we've already helped educate over hundreds of thousands of Americans on how to better exercise their right to protect with a legally owned firearm. We consider it our duty and our privilege to continue offering relevant, practical information you can use to develop the most important arsenal of all: the skill, knowledge, and care needed for handling the power and responsibility of gun ownership and use.

Every month, for as long as you're a member, you will continue to receive The American Gun Owner, the newsletter you're reading at this very moment. You'll find articles, tips and training on developing new skills, along with a test to evaluate your progress.

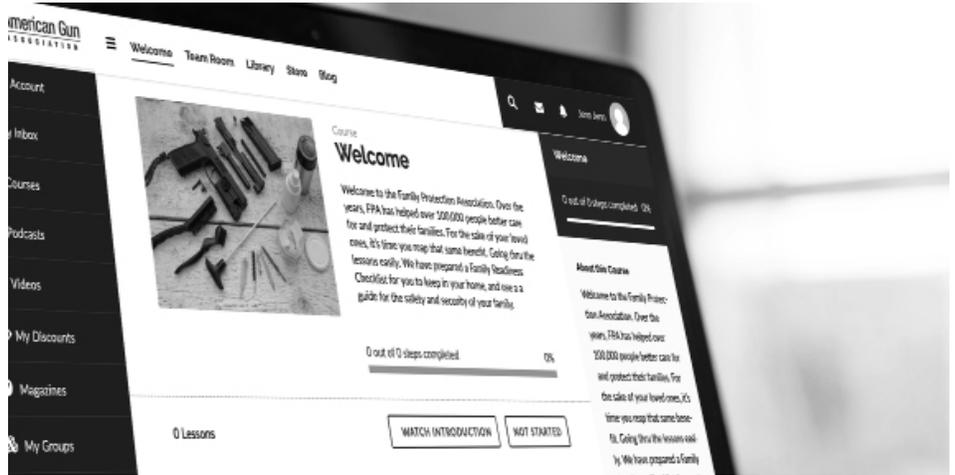
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If you haven't already started taking advantage of the content available to you as an AGA member, we recommend beginning with the following resources:

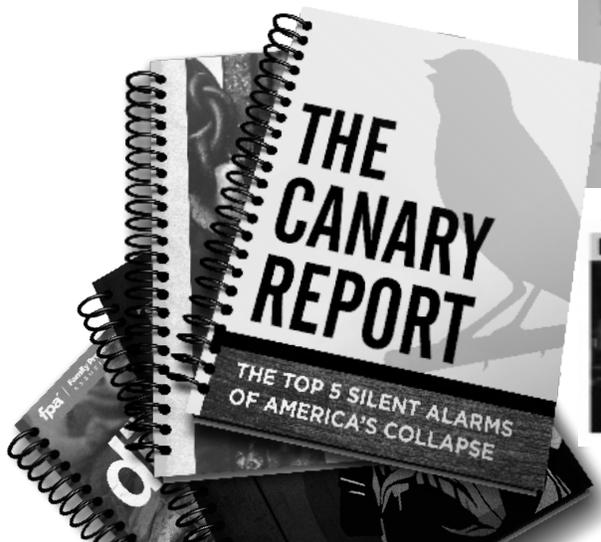
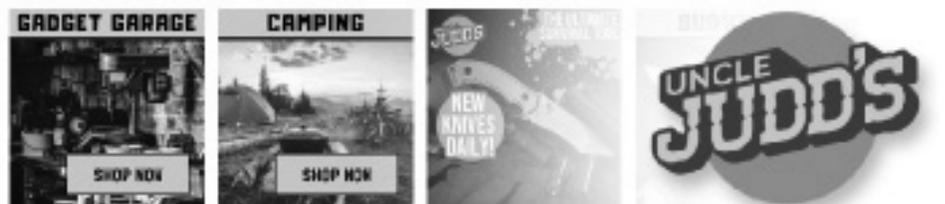
- **The Canary Report**
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- **Home Defense Techniques**
- **The Ultimate Bug Out Bag**
- **When Disaster Strikes**



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You can also find exclusive deals in your member portal.

The American Gun Association team is excited to help you become a better equipped gun owner.





BASIC HOME DEFENSE STRATEGIES

When it comes to home defense, being mentally and physically prepared is ultimately what makes the most difference. So it's not good enough to know you have the best home defense firearm and non-lethal alternative or that you know how to use them.

No. Once you have a personal protection plan in place, you need to work on your home defense strategies. You - and your family - should be prepared to jump into action at a moment's notice if and when SHTF.

We've published plenty of resources on how to choose the right self-defense and home defense firearms, non-lethal home defense weapons, and how to shoot defensively. For this training, we're going to focus on the strategies.

Start by Fortifying All Entry Points

It might seem obvious, but this is what leads many people to forget about properly fortifying all entry points to their home.

This is a step that needs to be given due focus long before SHTF. By creating a solid foundation this way, when it comes time to spring into action, all you need to do is double-check your entry and exit points instead of starting from scratch.

This frees you up to focus on strengthening your defense and working through the rest of your home defense strategy.

Start with your windows, because these are the most vulnerable part of your property. A mere rock can make short work of one, granting an intruder access.

One of the simplest ways to fortify your windows (without resorting to ugly burglar bars and turning your house into a prison) is to replace the regular glass with acrylic glass. It's more expensive, sure, but also a lot more durable.

Next, replace the hinges and locks on all your doors with heavy-duty alternatives that will hold up against brute force a lot better. And if you're up for it, consider fortifying any wood doors that lead outside with a steel door. These will also resist the force of axes and sledgehammers a lot better.

Sandbags Are Your Friend

We can't overstate how great sandbags are when it comes to home defense.

For one thing, they're cheap and easy to store. You can opt to stack them in a designated backyard shed or even to keep the sand and the bags separate. Bear in mind if you opt for the latter, you're going to need to spend time and



effort on filling your sandbags after SHTF, which isn't necessarily efficient or guaranteed to be possible.

Regardless, sandbags are very versatile. You can and should use them to further fortify your doors and windows in a SHTF scenario.

Not only will they make getting into your home far more difficult for your attacker(s) by serving as a heavy, physical barrier... sandbags are also renowned for their ability to absorb ammunition. And your doors and windows are the most vulnerable targets for armed invaders!

Plus, once you've got your doors and windows fortified, you can use any remaining sandbags for...

Fortifying Your Perimeter

Preventing attackers from gaining entry into your home is your first priority when it comes to home defense. Once you've ensured all your entry and exit points are properly secured, it's time to turn your attention to fortifying your perimeter.



It starts off with the usual perimeter defenses: making sure your fence is sturdy.

You can use whatever materials you deem best. All of them allow for some extra security features, from spikes and barbs to an electrified top. Just remember if SHTF, electricity isn't always guaranteed.

But you should also prepare to set up additional perimeter defenses for SHTF scenarios.

The easiest of these is barbed wire. All you really need to do (when push comes to shove) is plant wooden staves or poles (or even metal ones) into the ground and wrap the barbed wire around them. The more you have, the better, as it'll be harder to step or climb over or squeeze between.

You can also add some additional layers with nail boards. Set these up outside your normal fence and/or your barbed wire perimeter and everyone's going to think twice before storming your property.

The more difficult it looks to invade your property when people are looting, the more likely they are to leave you in peace.

You Control Movement

Often overlooked, but vitally important to any home defense strategy (whether you're facing a SHTF situation or a break-in), is being aware of how your attacker is moving. And the best way to know how they're moving is to control how they're able to move.

This is much easier in the case of a SHTF scenario, as you're able to strategically place your fortifications in a way that allows you to force movement. Think of it as creating paths of least resistance that end in bottlenecks - similar to how the Spartans set up their defense in the movie 300.

The easiest way to go about controlling the movement is to use barbed wire and nail boards to create a maze.

If you want to go the extra mile, you can also set up fake cover. These look like good spots to hide when you're returning fire, but won't actually be effective at absorbing ammunition the way your sandbags are.

By setting up a path of least resistance, especially with fake cover at various points, you'll be able to perfectly predict the way your attackers advance and retreat. The fake cover especially helps to minimize the risk of you missing because your target is moving!



Prepare to Defend your Home at Night

Most people are smart enough to know they have a better chance of success if they attack at night.

And that's why you need to be prepared to fight in the dark.

This starts with figuring out a rotating

shift of guards so there's always someone awake and able to sound the alarm. For most households, this might seem out of the question... but that's why you want to team up with neighbors and consider bringing your extended family under one roof.

Motion sensors connected to a siren alarm and spot lights are another work-around - one you'll want to put in place

even if you have enough people for a night shift!

If the bright lights are pointing away from your property, they won't just illuminate the property for you... they can also serve to (at least temporarily) blind attackers.

Have night vision goggles at hand just in case your lights get shot out or the power is cut.

Conclusion

These are all the basic home defense strategies that typically get overlooked. But you should also remember to set up a safe room in the house, as well as an escape route and bug out destination!

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Dennis Kromer
Joined a year ago



Michael Thomas
Joined 5 years ago



Charles Seeley
Joined 4 weeks ago



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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

After studying this training, we encourage you to test your knowledge with this quiz. The answers can be found at the bottom right hand corner of this page.

1: What should you start with when preparing for home defense?

- A. Fortifying your windows
- B. Setting up a perimeter
- C. Stockpiling equipment

2: Which is the best way to fortify your windows?

- A. Have wooden boards ready to put up when SHTF
- B. Put industrial-strength burglar bars in
- C. Replace regular glass with acrylic glass

3: What should you do to fortify outside doors?

- A. Install drop-down bars
- B. Install heavy-duty locks and hinges
- C. Both of the above

4: Why are sandbags your best friend?

- A. They're easy to store
- B. They absorb ammunition very well
- C. Both of the above

5: At what point should you start thinking about your perimeter defenses?

- A. It should be the first thing you focus on
- B. Once your home's entry and exit points are properly fortified
- C. You only need to start thinking about it when SHTF

6: Which of the following was NOT mentioned as an easy perimeter fortification in this training?

- A. Trenches
- B. Barbed wire
- C. Nail boards

7: What is the purpose of controlling movement on your property?

- A. Recreating the battlefield from the movie 300
- B. It makes it easier for you to predict movement and defend yourself
- C. It keeps your mind sharp, like playing chess

8: How should you NOT be controlling movement?

- A. Setting up strong cover, such as winding trenches
- B. Using barbed wire and nail boards to create a path of least resistance
- C. Setting up fake cover

9: How can you prepare to defend your home at night?

- A. Change your sleeping schedule so you're more awake at night
- B. Set up motion detectors that are connected to bright lights and an alarm
- C. Eat lots of carrots to improve your night vision

10: What else should you do to prepare for fighting at night?

- A. Have all bright lights pointing away from your home to give you an advantage over anyone approaching
- B. Have night vision goggles at hand in case your lights get shot out or the power is cut off
- C. Both of the above

QUIZ ANSWERS

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