

## Considerations For Self Defense Weapon

There are a lot of things for a person to consider when they think about buying a personal self defense weapon. Just because you have one does not mean that it cannot be taken away from you or that you will not have the confidence to actually use it when you need to. Consider these things before you decide to purchase a weapon.

The first thing that you need to determine before purchasing any weapon you are going to be carrying on your person is whether it is legal in your state. Some states' knife laws are pretty complicated, so do some research before you decide to invest in a knife to carry around with you. Be especially careful if you are going to carry something besides a knife, such as a blackjack, since these are often illegal. Find out the specifics of your area. Or if you are considering purchasing a certain kind of weapon, call the police department and ask someone there if it's legal. If they say "no", don't even think about getting it, anyway. Move on to something else.

Don't waste your money on something that you are not going to remember to carry. Some self-defense items can be attached to your keychain, such as pepper spray or mace. Keep in mind that you cannot carry these items onto an airplane with you, so remove them and put them in your checked baggage before entering any airport.

Are you really sure that you are going to be able to actually use the weapon you purchase in a situation that requires it? A lot of people simply have their weapons taken away from them and used against them if the attacker senses that they are unsure of themselves. Learn how to use your weapon effectively and be prepared to use it should the situation arise.

You should also make sure that whatever weapon you purchase will be available to you immediately when you need it. Don't let your weapon get lost at the bottom of your purse or pocket. You might not have time to retrieve it.

Last but not least, the most important self defense weapon that you have is your brain. Use common sense to keep yourself out of situations that you should not be in and away from people you know you could get you hurt. If you know someone has a reputation for trouble, stay away from them. Stay out of neighborhoods you know are bad, but if you happen to live in one, be home before dark.

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