

Test Your Security Savvy

How much do you really know about personal security?

1. The single biggest deterrent to burglary is:
 - a. a dog
 - b. an alarm system
 - c. high-quality locks
 - d. appearance of occupancy
2. Landscape around your home should provide privacy by masking windows.
 - a. true
 - b. false
3. Most burglaries are committed during the day.
 - a. true
 - b. false
4. Most burglaries are committed despite quality locks and doors.
 - a. true
 - b. false
5. How many layers of security should ring your home?
 - a. four
 - b. three
 - c. two
 - d. one
6. When installing a dead bolt, which is most important?
 - a. the dead bolt itself
 - b. the placement of the dead bolt
 - c. the length of screws used to secure the strike plate
 - d. selecting a key or turn knob type
7. You can shoot an intruder in your home if:
 - a. it is night time
 - b. he is stealing your possessions
 - c. you are in fear of your life
 - d. he offers you or your family violence
 - e. all of the above
 - f. c and/or d
8. The single biggest deterrent to carjackings is:
 - a. locking your car doors
 - b. a gun in the glove compartment
 - c. blowing your horn
 - d. leaving one car length between you and the car in front of you.
9. If someone rear-ends you while driving, you should:
 - a. pull over and inspect the damage immediately
 - b. drive away to a populated area
 - c. don't get out; crack your window to speak to the other driver.
 - d. pull forward 50 feet or so and check the rear-view mirror first
10. You suspect someone is following you while driving. You should:
 - a. confirm this by correlating their movements to yours
 - b. apply the brakes hard
 - c. get home and call the police
 - d. call the driver out at the next light

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11. On the highway, a car pulls alongside and the passenger points a handgun at you. You should:
 - a. duck and hit the gas
 - b. swerve to avoid the confrontation
 - c. apply the brakes hard without locking them
 - d. try to shoot him first
12. A less-than-lethal weapon should:
 - a. be effective regardless of assailant's clothes, mental state, or size.
 - b. be useful without a lot of technique
 - c. manipulate easily under duress
 - d. all the above
13. If you are confronted and detained on the street by an agitated vocal person, you should yell back in his face loudly.
 - a. true
 - b. false
14. List three precautions you should take around ATM machines
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
15. You stand a roughly _____ percent chance of being victimized in some way this year (based on the FBI Uniform Crime Report national average, not demographics).
 - a. 6
 - b. 18
 - c. 22
 - d. 34
16. Women are most commonly victimized by:
 - a. rape
 - b. domestic violence
 - c. robbery
 - d. all the above
17. Car theft is relatively easy to thwart.
 - a. true
 - b. false
18. The most common crime is
 - a. robbery
 - b. physical assault
 - c. larceny theft
 - d. burglary
19. Police departments are equipped, manned, and prepared to prevent crime in communities.
 - a. true
 - b. false
20. Outdoor censored lighting should be concentrated on areas you can observe from inside your home.
 - a. true
 - b. false

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21. When considering home security, which three elements would you weight most heavily?
 - a. police response time
 - b. neighborhood
 - c. common areas near house
 - d. date of construction
 - e. locks and alarms
 - f. what type of firearms you own

22. Fences always help improve security.
 - a. true
 - b. false

23. 911 service is the key to local area security.
 - a. true
 - b. false

24. Denying the criminal _____ is fundamental to home security.
 - a. access
 - b. concealment
 - c. both a and b

25. Responsibility for personal security rests squarely on your shoulders. No one else can be responsible.
 - a. true
 - b. false