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Home Invasion Survival Tips

There is no right or wrong way to protect you and your family during a home invasion. However when your home security is broken through, the objective is to escape alive.

Nevertheless, the best defense against a home invasion is prevention, including family education and planning. One family meeting to discuss general rules and procedures may save a life in years to come.

Therefore the police suggest that the following precautions are taken into consideration and utilized

- Parents should teach children how to answer or not answer the phone or a knock on the door in the scenarios of parents being home or away.
- Don't forget to teach kids the basics, such as always locking the doors and windows before leaving home and anyone could be at the door. The weakest home security link is failing to lock doors or windows and opening the door without question at the sound of a knock or ring of the door bell.
- Teach your children how to dial 9-1-1 at a young age while explaining the appropriate situation to dial.

The options of response:

Escaping immediately, saving yourself - This option decreases the amount of time the burglars have to complete their job while having their privacy leaked. Some refuse to look like a coward by leaving their family in danger, however, radical actions may pay off later if you are able to immediately get help.

Fighting and screaming- Screaming and yelling works well if there are neighbors close by or in a public area. There is no purpose in fighting if you are physically incapable. If fighting, make a strong, forceful hit to the nose, eyes, throat or groin area. This will give a small window of time to escape and call for help

Compliance with burglars- This allows more time to think of an effective plan of action while creating an escape opportunity once the burglars let their guard down.

Pulling a weapon on an armed intruder: This option should be your last resort, most times house hold weapons are not loaded for child safety, so in the rare occasion you have access to a loaded fire arm, be aware the burglar is just as desperate and often will not hold back.

Remember that **No** matter what option you choose, make sure you stay calm and put thought into your actions because it will affect everyone surrounding you. Before your home security is broken and invaded, read the home security tips for other ways to help prevent home burglars.

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