

# Oklahoma Personal Defense

## Empowering Women to Protect Themselves

### Home Defense Tips

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**The awareness mindset is 24/7, you can never turn it off, or become lax...the one time you do may be the one time an attacker decides to strike.**

1. Know your own neighborhood. See a car that doesn't belong there? Pull in behind it and write down – or better yet – use your phone to take a picture of their tag. Keep it for future reference.
2. Is there a strange car driving around your neighborhood? FOLLOW IT! Proceed with step 1.
3. Is there a car parked in view of your house with people sitting in it? Drive past your house, do not open the garage door and pull into the drive. Proceed with step 1.
4. Is there someone(s) on foot who doesn't live in your neighborhood? Watch them to see what they're doing.
5. In all of the above, call 911, tell the dispatcher there's a car/person who doesn't live in your neighborhood driving/walking around casing houses. Give them a description and tag number.
6. TURN THE TABLES, BECOME THE STALKER OF THE CRIMINAL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!
7. Beware distraction and decoy tactics used by home invaders
  - a. woman rings doorbell, when you open door child runs into your house
  - b. someone claiming to be a salesman or representing a church rings your doorbell
  - c. your doorbell rings seconds after your spouse leaves for work
  - d. someone in a uniform claims to be ONG needing inside your house due to a gas leak
  - e. your doorbell rings in the middle of the night
  - f. there's a knock at your back door during the day
8. Be aware of what's out of place in and around your home
  - a. broken glass in or outside your house
  - b. an entry door ajar, splintered wood
  - c. a light on or off that you don't usually leave on or off
  - d. tools (hammer, crowbar) where they shouldn't be
  - e. if you have dogs and they don't greet you or you don't hear them when you arrive home
9. ALWAYS pay attention to an NQR ("not quite right") – it means something! When you get an NQR, stop and look around you, what is out of place? That's your clue to what's wrong.
10. Civilians are neither commissioned nor trained to go in search of the bad guy – call 911 every time you see something and/or someone suspicious!
11. If someone is attempting to get into your house while you are in it, call 911 and say, "Home invasion in progress." This is a high priority call whereas burglary is low priority.
12. Be aggressive and difficult – criminals want compliant and easy targets...make it hard enough on them they go somewhere else.