

Are you ready to Make Swiss Cheese of your Home?

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Most survivalists own some sort of firearm to use for hunting or perhaps for defense of your family and home but have you ever wondered what affect firing one of your shotguns, your rifles, the semi-auto pistols or revolvers would have within a suburban environment?

Many people prefer to use the popular .357 or .38 special revolvers as they are easy to use and offer the user a measure of reliability. You often hear some people brag about their particular rifle or shotgun that they keep indoors for their home defense. The problem here is these weapons are impractical to fire in the home. Their rifles will present a serious issue for they tend to over penetrate and will possibly visits your neighbor's home. This sort of action certainly does not promote good neighbor policies at the least. The shotgun is similar to a scattergun with shot traveling in all sorts of directions. There are several disadvantages to firing your shotgun in the home. First, you risk placing members of your family in the way of the scattered shot and you will ultimately make Swiss cheese of your home. Neither of these weapons were ever intended for use in the confines of a home.

When firing a weapon in built up areas it is critical that you are versed enough in the skills needed to hit that target for which you are aiming. Your goal should be to not encounter any sort of issues involving over penetration. Practicing routinely with your weapon is important if you are to develop the necessary skills to avoid over shot entering your neighbor's domain. Be sure to conduct your practices using the exact ammunition

type as well as caliber that you will maintain normally in your weapon. Keep in mind that the load within the round can very easily affect your aim. In this case, I would certainly recommend staying with factory loads as opposed to reloading your own.

As I have previously mentioned practice is one of the most essential skills you can develop for using your weapons. You would certainly be surprised at how easy it is for you to miss your target even at a range of 5 to 10 yards. Training should be conducted for all members of the family including the youngest members. I have taken the liberty of introducing weapons and the proper handling of them to my 13 years old grandson. He has become a natural in their use.

When selecting a weapon find out which one you are most comfortable using and if necessary, visit a gun shop with a shooting range. Rent a weapon and try your luck. That's the only way you can get an accurate feel for the weapons you are considering for purchase. Once you practice sufficiently with your weapon you will have it mastered and you will find that your confidence has built up in your ability to shoot straight and true when the time comes to confront one of the "bad" guys. Another excellent method of trying guns before you make your decision to purchase it is with a gun group. By attending one of their range meets you can exchange weapons to see if one is right for you.

Lastly, you must give due consideration to your mindset. Would you be able to live with yourself if you had to shoot another human? This is a very important consideration. Never pick up a weapon of any sort unless you are prepared to use it. Finally, be sure that you investigate the various state laws in effect at your location which are based upon home defense. You may be surprised at what you discover.