

You Are Stronger

You are legally protected to defend yourself:

North Dakota Century Code:

12.1-05-03: A person is justified in using force upon another person to defend himself against danger of imminent unlawful bodily injury, sexual assault, or detention by such other person. Unless:

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12.1-05-06: Force is justified if it is used to _____ or _____ an unlawful entry or other trespass in or upon premises, or to prevent an unlawful carrying away or damaging of property.

12.1-05-07: An individual is not justified in using more force than is _____ and _____ under the circumstances.

Deadly force is justified:

- When used in lawful self-defense, or in lawful defense of others, if such force is necessary to protect the actor or anyone else against death, serious bodily injury, or the commission of a felony involving violence. (unless it can be avoided)
- When used by an individual in possession or control of a dwelling, place of work, motor vehicle, or an occupied motor home or travel trailer as defined in section 39-01-01, or by an individual who is licensed or privileged to be there, if the force is necessary to prevent commission of arson, burglary, robbery, or a felony involving violence upon or in the dwelling, place of work, motor vehicle, or occupied motor home or travel trailer, and the use of force other than deadly force for these purposes would expose any individual to substantial danger of serious bodily injury

12.1-05-07.1: An individual is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or serious bodily injury to that individual or another when using deadly force unless:

- The other person had a legal right to be in that dwelling space and there are no protection orders or orders prohibiting contact. **
- The individual removed or sought to be removed is a child or grandchild, or is otherwise in the lawful custody or under the lawful guardianship of, the individual against whom the deadly force is used;
- You were committing a crime when you used deadly force
- Or you use deadly force against a government agent performing their legally protected activity

Minnesota: Anyone facing the threat of imminent bodily injury or harm in some circumstances can use force to defend themselves. However, if you want to claim self-defense then you must prove *all* of these things in court:

- The victim was the aggressor in the situation
- You perceived or had a real fear of harm to your person
- Your belief of harm was reasonable
- You did not provoke the attack
- There was no reasonable opportunity to escape or retreat

An Improvised weapon is any object that can be used to _____ whether it was designed to or not.

When in doubt a tourniquet should be placed _____ & _____