



How To Deal With Someone Threatening You With a Weapon

Most violence is committed by strangers, usually while committing another crime such as robbery or burglary. If you come face-to-face with someone threatening you with a gun, knife, or other weapon, there are steps that you can take to make the situation less dangerous.

Here's How:

- ✓ Stay calm. If you get the opportunity, quietly signal for help.
- ✓ Maintain eye contact with the assailant.
- ✓ Stall for time until help arrives or you can try to escape.
- ✓ Keep talking, but follow instructions from the person who has the weapon. Let them know that you are cooperating.
- ✓ Do not try to grab the weapon.
- ✓ Watch for a possible chance to escape to a safe area.
- ✓ Do not be a hero and risk harm to yourself or others.
- ✓ Do not verbally or physically challenge the person with the weapon.
- ✓ Make no sudden moves. If you need to move, tell the person with the weapon first.
- ✓ Do not resist.

Tips:

- ✓ Be prepared to give the assailant your cash, wallet or jewelry. It is not worth the risk. Your life is more valuable than material possessions, which can be replaced.
- ✓ Try to remember the assailant's appearance and clothing, but do so carefully, without staring.
- ✓ After the confrontation call 10111 and/or raise panic through you security firm and/or neighbours as soon as possible. Notifying the police quickly will increase the chance of apprehending the suspect and preventing future victims.

What You Need:

- A little courage and a lot of faith.