

Armed and Alive

TRUE STORIES ABOUT EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHOSE
LIVES WERE SAVED BY LEGALLY OWNED GUNS

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Alabama

Fact: Let's start out with a good one. "Women should always use revolvers."

This chauvinistic statement is uttered by gun salesmen at gun shows, and at gun shops all over the country. In my opinion, it is wrong, it's prejudicial, and it's a bunch of BS!

Their thinking is that women aren't strong enough to rack a semi-automatic pistol. In some instances, as in the case of a physical impairment, that may be true. However, for the most part it isn't.

There are a lot of reasons why a woman may want a revolver, but just because she's a woman isn't one of them.

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Wilmer - An 18-year-old young man had several warrants out for his arrest. The young man got into an argument with his younger brother, and threatened to kill him. Then he grabbed a kitchen knife and threatened to kill everyone in his family, including himself.

Another family member sought help from a neighbor, who retrieved a firearm. The 18-year-old was shot once and was reportedly in critical condition. No one else in the home was harmed during the incident. ¹

(Never keep a gun in a house where there is a convicted felon or mentally unstable person.)

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Autauga County - A female resident was at home with her young niece late one evening when an 18-year-old stranger knocked at her door.

The stranger claimed that his vehicle had broken down and that he needed help. Before the woman could react, the 18-year-old pulled a knife and tried to force his way inside.

Fearing for her own safety, and the safety of her niece, the homeowner drew her gun and fired several shots at the young man. The intruder's body was later found nearby. ²

(In some states, the woman could have been prosecuted because the intruder was not inside her home.)

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Orrville - An armed man entered a store one afternoon, waving his gun in the air and threatening to kill everyone in the store. He then ushered a cashier and a customer toward a break room area at gunpoint.

Fearing that the gunman would follow through on his threat, another customer drew his concealed handgun and defeated the threat with a single shot. The bullet struck the gunman in the chest and he was pronounced dead at the scene. ³

(We will never know what could have happened if the concealed carry customer was not there. It was a righteous shooting, as there was an imminent threat to the permit holder and others.)

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Danville - A woman was driving her car behind a pickup truck when the truck suddenly stopped in front of her, blocking her lane.

A man exited the pickup truck, approached the woman's vehicle, and began beating on the window. He then grabbed the door handle in an attempt to gain entry.

Fortunately, the woman was armed. She quickly pulled out her .357 revolver, pointed the gun at him, and said, "Step away from my car or I will shoot you." The assailant immediately backed away from her vehicle and left.

The intended victim later said, "You hear a lot of stories about guns being used in crime, but they prevent crime every day, too," "What if I hadn't had my gun that day?" ⁴

(You go girl. Truer words were never spoken. For all you readers out there who don't think a woman can handle a .357, I can tell you that they most certainly can. My wife has a .357 magnum that she takes to the range. She uses .357 ammo, not .38 special ammo when she practices, because that's what will be in the gun if she has to use it for self-defense. She has no problem hitting what she is aiming at.)

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Dora - A woman was at home with her two daughters when she heard a loud noise. It was 3 a.m., so she immediately called the police and grabbed her gun.

She went to her daughters' room, woke them, and told them each to get something they could use to defend themselves. The three of them were at the top of the stairs when a man kicked in the door and entered the home.

When the man spotted them, he started up the stairs toward them threateningly. The woman warned the intruder that she would shoot him.

When he ignored her warnings, the woman fired causing him to fall down the stairs and stumble outside. That's where the police found and arrested him.

After the incident, woman said, "There's so much talk about banning guns and gun control, but they're for protection. There's no way that I could have fought him off." ⁵

(You should always have an escape plan. Every home should have a room where the occupants can meet in the event of a break in. Crouch in the opposite corner where you can see who enters and have a clear line of fire.)

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Athens - A Pharmacist was working at his store when a young man entered and asked to speak with him about some medications.

The man stood at the consultation window and handed the Pharmacist a handwritten note demanding painkillers and syringes. The note also said, "I have a gun."

The Pharmacist didn't believe the would-be robber actually had a gun. He produced his own firearm, and ordered the man to get on the floor. Upon seeing the pharmacist's firearm, the would-be robber turned and fled. He was later caught by police.

The Pharmacist later said, “You can never be too careful. You never know who’s going to walk in.”⁶

(Since no gun was seen, and no threat of bodily harm was made by the robber, the Pharmacist did the right thing by letting the would-be thief run.)

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