

Is Your Home *Really* Secure?

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Focusing on the home's "skin" (i.e., the walls and windows) is as far as they'll go when it comes to protecting their home.

They may keep their windows and doors locked, perhaps setup some extra lighting, and some may choose to get an alarm system installed, but in reality...

Skin Deep is NOT Enough.

Especially in an extended post-collapse situation, where law and order no longer exist, this skin protection will be far too weak as a defense.

What you need to do is create "concentric layers" of protection around your home.

Instead of focusing on the skin layer of the home, a properly secured home will need to extend beyond that superficial layer into what's referred to as a "**LAYERED DEFENSE**".

Imagine a center circle representing the interior of your home...

Your defenses should not be limited to just this center circle but should consist of multiple layers that radiate concentrically outward from your home -- allowing you to detect and deter threats early enough to effectively respond to them.

Here's an overview of each of these layers starting with the outermost first...

The OPSEC/Awareness Layer - This is your outermost layer that extends well beyond your home. It basically covers all the areas you're in as you're out and about and is where security first needs to be considered.

Instead of alarm systems, fencing, or other standard security devices, this layer's security

"tools" are your own awareness of your surroundings as well as being careful what "information" you give away to others you come in contact with.

The Extended Perimeter - The Extended Perimeter is another pseudo layer that is implemented with the help of others in your neighborhood or area to provide mutual protection.

Especially in a post-collapse scenario, it's not feasible for a normal-sized family to be able to be on watch for an extended period of time. Without a large group to support you in the watch process, you'll quickly get tired and become ineffective.

By organizing others who live near and around you, it will make for easier defense.

An Outer Perimeter - The Outer Perimeter is the first layer that is actually part of your property. Knowing what constitutes your perimeter is the first step.

If you live in a rural area, the edge of your perimeter may be a few hundred yards away. In an urban area this may only be 100 feet.

In either case, it must be an area that you can realistically "tighten up" so that there are no gaps to allow a threat to get in unnoticed.

The Inner Perimeter - The inner perimeter consists of the area or space between the outer perimeter and the shell of your home (ie walls, doors, windows etc.).

The overriding goal of the inner perimeter is **CONTROL**.

Once a threat has gone through all the trouble to break through your deterrents, early-warning systems, and barriers, it's clear that their intention isn't honorable. For this reason, it's

absolutely crucial you control their movements to your advantage.

In planning your inner perimeter, the idea you want to have forefront in your mind is to “funnel” your attackers into areas you can better control and defend, allowing you the ability to eliminate the threat before it can reach your shell.

(The Shell - The shell consists of the exterior of your home, including the walls, windows and doors.)

As mentioned before, for most people this shell of the home is their first line of defense when it comes to defending against criminals and threats; however, if you’ve paid attention so far, you probably now realize that it is really one of the last lines of defense.

The Interior of the home is the final defensive layer of your home and it involves setting up secure places to go (**like a safe room**) or defend from when your home is breached.

The Emergency Rally Point - Although not one of the “defensive layers” in the layered-defense plan, the emergency rally point is nonetheless an important extension of these layers.

The purpose behind the **Rally Point** is to have an immediate place to escape to in case a threat manages to get through each of the layers in your layered defense. This can be done preemptively (i.e. you know the attack is coming and you don’t have the resources or abilities to defend yourself) or it can be done at any point you feel is best to “break contact” or retreat.

The **Rally Point** is used to remove your family or group from the danger area (or potential danger area if done preemptively) to a location where you can regroup and find temporary safety.

By focusing on each of these layers, you’ll create a synergistic and strong defensive layer for your home.

(The below is a very general aid to help understanding.)

