

# Secret Agent Skills

## BOOK 2 HOME PROTECTION GUIDE TO SAFEGUARD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY



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**A very warm welcome to you!**

**Let's just get the formalities out of the way first**

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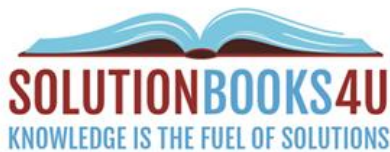
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## Introduction

**By the end of this book, you will know exactly how to best protect you, your family, your home and your possessions from intruders and other scum!**

Owning property is perhaps the most expensive asset you have and within its walls is a unique history, years if not decades of your irreplaceable family and personal history from photos to Jewellery to that strange little object you once bought on holiday, but you can't remember why you bought it now to the things you were given from loved ones. They are all priceless in terms of their sentimental value and are irreplaceable. Nothing is more priceless and irreplaceable though than you and your family, and yours and their safety and security is paramount, but we must not get paranoid about it, we must get wise.

Then there are the usual purchases, the TV, the Hi-Fi system, the DVD player, the laptop, the tablet, the CD and DVD collection, the furniture, the car, the caravan, the motorbike, the push bike, the garage and the garden shed stuff, and the list goes on. While this last list has perhaps less sentimental value (*sorry to the car and motorbike lovers*) you none the less spent your hard-earned cash to get those things. Perhaps some are on hire purchase and you're still paying for them and so you're still investing your hard-earned cash.

All those are a great investment both physically and psychologically, your home is your castle. But let's just consider the castle analogy for a moment. Castles always had defences, why, to stop intruders! Mostly they were built on high ground and often with a moat, drawbridge and portcullis. The castle would have huge heavy wooden doors and armed guards. The reason for those defences, to protect the treasures inside the castle walls. The castle owners knew and understood the value of what was inside, and they invested in protecting their people and their possessions, AND because they knew that there were those who would steal anything from them given the chance and/or even harm them. Human nature to steal

and harm others has not changed if the opportunity is there, and it is still there!

So, how secure is your castle? Many people underestimate the likelihood of their home(s) being burgled or perhaps they are put off by the cost of home security installation, and so preventable crimes continue to be committed. We know we should change that lock or get that window fixed but we just don't get around to doing it...

In this book, we will look at your defences and the security measures it would be advisable to have if you don't already have any or to see if improvements are needed. Although I have used the castle analogy, you do not have to go to that extreme, nor do you have to go over the top and have every device and gadget to protect your home.

The measures you take should be proportionate to mitigate the threat and risks in your area. If you live in a high crime rate area, then you may want more defences and deterrents than living in a low threat and lower risk area. We will look closer at those shortly.



Castle or house, the physical measures may be different but the principles of protecting it are the same, deter, deny or delay entry and response.

The focus of this book is on burglars and burglary, but the measures we will talk about are also to defend against rapists, child molesters, and any other types of intruder scum that might try getting into your home.

**If you present yourself or your home as a potential target, then there are those who will make you a potential victim!**



Sometimes though not all threats to our homes are manmade, at the time of writing this book devastating hurricanes had swept across parts of the US, lives lost, homes destroyed, and businesses lost! The UK had seen extreme storms, severe flooding, homes and possessions destroyed. Wildfires raged in parts of Australia and California destroying property. The weather has no boundaries as to where or when it will strike!

### **Okay, so let's get started**

First some KEYWORDS to remember and consider! I will use these throughout this book.

These are all connected to your home protection.

Dictionary Definitions: [www.merriam-webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com)

- **Safety**, secure from threat of danger, harm, risk or loss
- **Security**, being free from danger or threat
- **Threat**, an expression of intention to inflict evil, injury, or damage
- **Risk**, the possibility of loss or injury
- **Burglary**, burglary is the theft, or attempted theft, from a premises where access is not authorised. Damage to a premises that appears to have been caused by a person attempting to enter to commit a burglary, is also counted as burglary
- **Robbery**, theft with the use of force or a threat of force
- **Opportunity Crime**, creating an environment that easily allows for loss or injury to happen
- **Awareness**, having or showing realization, perception, or knowledge
- **Loss**, the act of losing possession
- **Absentmindedness/Distraction**, an object that directs one's attention away from something else
- **Vulnerability**, capable of being physically or emotionally wounded
- **Mitigation**, to cause to become less harsh or hostile, to make less severe

- **Exposure**, the condition of being presented to view or made known
- **Deterrent**, a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something

Often in our personal or work life we have special words, phrases or abbreviations that we use specific to that environment.

The safety and security world is no different, and the above words are common speak within the industry. You should now begin to think about how or why they could impact on you and your family.

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## A Security Threat & Risk View of the World

