

Firearms use of
COVER and CONCEALMENT



Cover and Concealment!

- **What are they?**
- **How to use them!**
- **How not to use them!**

Definitions

- ***Concealment:** Anything that prevents you from being seen and **WILL NOT** protect you from gunfire. **Example: Wooden fence, plastic trash can, sheetrock, bushes, ect....***
- ***Cover:** Anything that **WILL** protect you from gunfire. **Cover** Usually provides **concealment**, and the reverse is not true. **Example: Certain parts of vehicles, Concrete/Brick walls, Large trees.***

When using COVER or CONCEALMENT, here are some things to be considered in order for either to do their job!

- Know what you are using, Cover or Concealment!
- Minimize your exposure to a threat. Meaning there should be very little of you exposed to a threat.
- Try not to move from one cover/concealment to another (unless absolutely needed).
- When looking from behind cover/concealment, vary the areas that you peek from. Looking from the same spot over and over greatly increases your chances of being shot/killed.

Shooting/looking from corners!

Not so great position (More exposure to your threat).



Much better position (less exposure to your threat).



Corner shooting/looking Cont'

- Use a bladed stance.
- Stay away from the corner (approx 6" or so).
- Move left/right from the hips.
- when moving the head, shoulders, arms and weapons ; move it all as one piece.
- Make sure that the legs are behind the cover/concealment. This will help in limiting your exposure to a threat.



What is a concern here?

Be aware of any potential weaknesses in your selection



Learning to use what ever cover/concealment is available!

In order to avoid exposure you may need to go in to a prone position (laying down) or squatting.

You may need to contort yourself to do this. This may be the only alternative you have.



Vehicles'

BAD



BAD



Vehicles'

GOOD



GOOD



Vehicles' Cont'

- ✓ Leg is exposed to direct fire or skipped rounds.
- ✓ Using "A" post forces too much exposure.



Vehicles'

(Foot and Head exposure)





Firearm is supported independently by you!

**Legs are inside vehicle, behind the engine area
(excellent bullet stopping cover)**

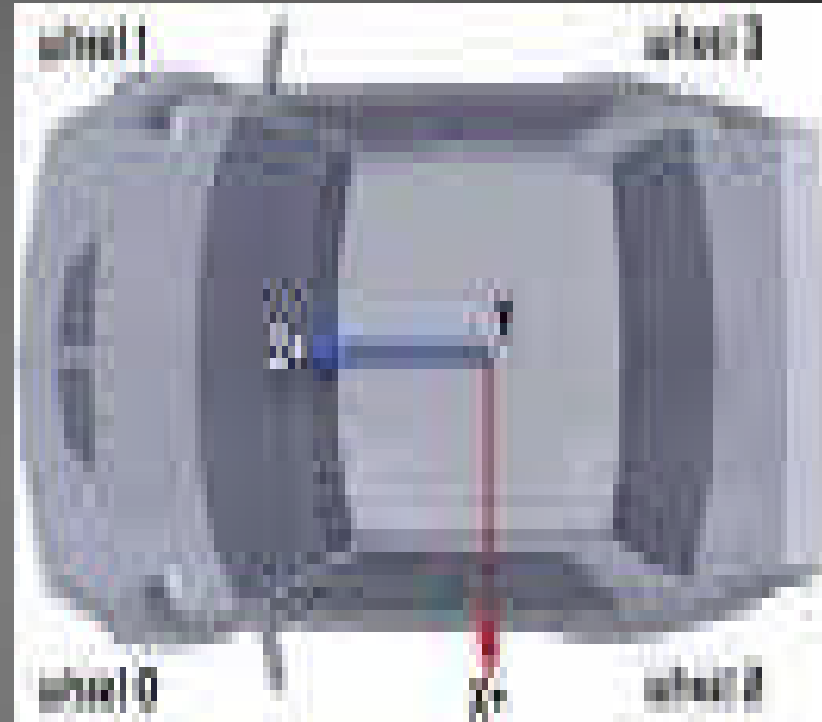
Vehicles'

(minimal exposure, with good cover/concealment)



Cover from or around a vehicle!

- Trunk or truck beds offer little or no reliable cover.
- Passenger compartment offers good cover from the front of the vehicle but very little from the sides.
- Engine compartment and wheels offer the BEST cover.



Vehicle hoods

Using the hood a vehicle may force too much exposure.



Look at how much the hands and head are exposed.



Vehicle Hoods

✓ A round that strikes the hood; has a good chance of bouncing and the trajectory of the round ; will have a high percentage of hitting you if the vehicle is not used properly as source of cover.





By moving back from the vehicle; you are able to use the cover and avoid the bouncing of a round into you.

This also allows you better peripheral views to the right and left of the vehicle. Reducing the possibility of a surprise approach from those areas.

Cover / Concealment

Not real good use

✓ **Head Exposed**

✓ **Torso exposed**

✓ **Leg exposed**



Cover / Concealment

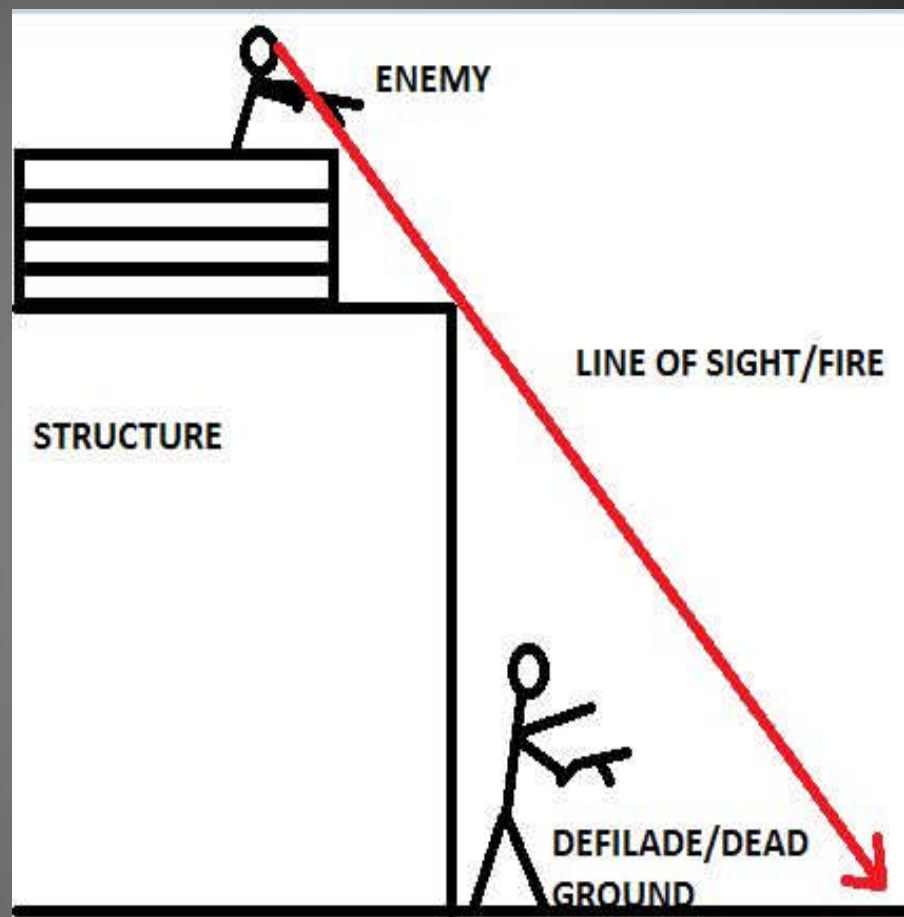
Better use of cover

- ✓ **Minimal head exposure**
- ✓ **No torso exposure**
- ✓ **No leg exposure**



Use of Low cover

Remember: As the height of the cover you are using decreases, you must get closer to the cover and lower to compensate for the angle of incoming gunfire.



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