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## WELCOME TO THE FPA

Welcome to The Prepared American, a newsletter publication from the Family Protection Agency ( FPA). We aim to provide information, instruction, encouragement, and support for the welfare of families all over America.

## OUR MISSION

We strive to equip people with the tools and insights necessary to protect their families from all threats - be they physical, financial, emotional, and anything in between. We want to unite individuals on one singular aim: Protecting their families at all costs. From health and finances to safety and preparedness, FPA is the place where risks are limited, and lives maximized.

Over the years, FPA has helped over 100,000 people care for and protect their families. For the sake of your loved ones, it's time to reap that same benefit.

We are happy you are part of a growing community. A community of people who put family safety first. We live in uncertain times, and now, more than ever, the health, welfare, and safety of the American family is threatened.

The Prepared American will be a valuable resource to you, and we thank you for letting us be a part of keeping your family safe.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Each month you will receive a themed newsletter that addresses a real threat to the American family. Our team of dedicated researchers and experts will provide relevant and practical information that you can employ in your protection strategy. That's not all. Besides a newsletter that is jam-packed with valuable advice, insight, and tools, you also become part of a growing community of people who support each other and share valuable insight.

In this edition of The Prepared American, we wanted to share with you a compilation of some of our best expert material on safety, survival, and protection.



# MEET THIS MONTH'S EXPERTS

## CRAIG CAUDILL



Craig Caudill has spent a lifetime practicing and teaching survival, preparedness and self-reliance skills. He is the director of the Nature Reliance School and teaches these skills in the midwestern and southeastern U.S. He is an incredibly active blogger and writer for several different blogs and self-reliance magazines. He has appeared on educational television teaching self-reliance skills multiple times.

He has a worldwide student base who study with him through his online self-reliance school. Craig considers himself a student in all things and is regularly studying with other instructors, thinking and practicing outside the box of conventional wisdom, and honing both his abilities and teaching methods. His students have included military operators, law enforcement special response units, and many average ordinary law-abiding citizens.

## DAVE SCOTT



Dave is the Program Director and Lead Instructor at Earth Native Wilderness School. Dave found a lifelong love for nature as a young child exploring Texas' wild places with his brother, Michel. As a teenager, a passion for wilderness survival skills and self-reliance grew while he was involved with his county's local search and rescue team.

After spending five years in the US Army, Dave began pursuing his true passions full time, studying wilderness survival, wildlife tracking, youth and adult mentoring, naturalist studies, and sustainable living skills at wilderness schools across the country.

Dave has worked in Environmental Education since 2003 and, in addition to Earth Native Wilderness School, has instructed at several wilderness schools across the country including the Wilderness Awareness School and Alderleaf Wilderness College. Dave is currently one of only 20 individuals in North America qualified as a Track and Sign Specialist through the Cybertracker Conservation evaluation system, an

international standard for gauging and enhancing in-field knowledge of wildlife behavior and track and sign identification.

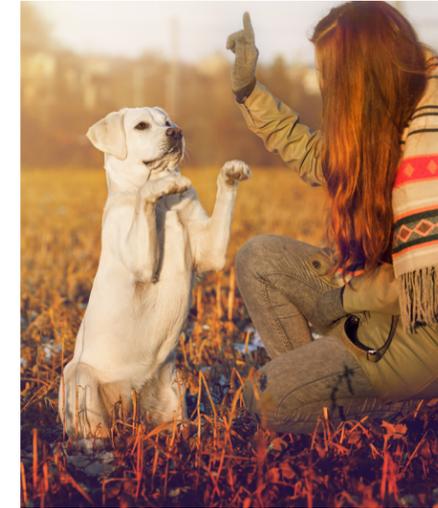
Dave is the co-author of *Bird Feathers: A Guide to North American Species* and gives classes on feather ID and Bird Track & Sign throughout the state. As an educator, Dave's passion is to help his students reconnect with the natural world through wildlife tracking, increased sensory awareness, wilderness survival skills, and the development of a strong sense of place.

## CLAY BROWNE



Clayton Browne has been writing professionally since 1994. He has written and edited copy ranging from science fiction to semiconductor patents to dissertations in political science. He has worked for Holt, Rinehart & Winston, McElroy Translation, Dell, PC World, Business Insider and Yahoo. Browne has a BA in anthropology from the University of Texas at Austin and an MS in linguistic anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He is a member of the Austin-area Salvation Army Advisory Board.

## KAT TRETINA



Kat Tretina is a professional writer in Orlando, FL. Her passion for personal finance and security is reflected in her work in the home protection industry. Kat has a Master's degree in Communications and studied self-defense for over 15 years. She also is active in the dog training community, working with potential protection animals and therapy dogs.

# 4 SELF-RELIANCE STRATEGIES YOU NEED TO KNOW

by Craig Caudill

In this article I am going to share with you the all-important fundamentals of what I mean by "Self-Reliance Strategies."

Self-reliance is the word I choose to use more than "survival" or "preparedness" training. Self-reliance is proactive rather than reactive. It couples itself with ongoing and daily habit forming measures. The typical preparedness

or survival adherent typically (certainly but not always) will gather gear and some training and then sit and wait for an event.

Self-reliance, in my opinion, is an active, daily style of living in which you are regularly and continually looking for ways to rely less on others and more on yourself. I break it down into four distinct sections.

## MINDSET

To survive a trying situation, your mindset must be right. There must be a voice inside of you a 'force' that spurs you on. A voice that triumphs over fear and discouragement. Having the right mindset can mean the difference between life and death. What you think, how you think and how you internalize a particular situation is critical to survival. It is important to remain calm in order to think clearly. A calm mind allows for strategic decisions to be made. Have you checked your mindset lately?

## SKILLS

Self-reliance skills are meant to be practiced. This includes the hard skills like fire building, shelter building, water and food procurement along with other skills that are necessary for survival. You need to practice your skills with little to no gear, in all types of weather and assuming you have injuries.

## TACTICS

Tactics is just a sexy word for strategically working with others. The term notes the use of military or weapons-related strategies to most, but that is not always the case. Learning how to develop yourself as a leader and an excellent communicator are good tactics for self-reliance. In today's industrialized society where nearly everything that keeps us alive comes from someone else, including our heat, and food, learning how to work well with others is a necessity.



## GEAR

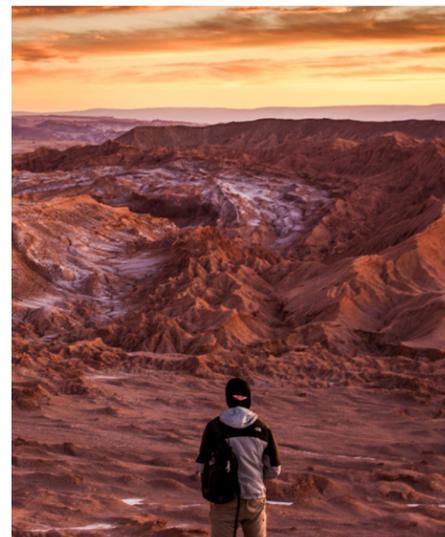
I suggest to those of you who are just learning about self-reliance to have as much gear as you feel you need. As you get further along you should take items away from your gear list and practice without them. In this manner, you teach yourself to not be gear dependent.

To be self-reliant you need to get your mind right, learn necessary survival skills, get along with others and know how to identify and use essential gear. Getting these four things down will help you to come out on top in a difficult situation.

## HOW TO MANAGE DEBT TO MAINTAIN A HIGH CREDIT SCORE

by Clay Brown

Managing debt is a lot like managing a weight problem. There are no quick fixes. The only way to effectively deal with the problem is thoughtful, long-term thinking and following through with your debt management plan.



Managing your debt relative to your income is a critical part of maintaining a strong credit score. That said, the calculations behind your credit score involve a lot more than just comparing your current debt and income. Credit rating agencies consider a broad range of factors, including past debts, number of credit accounts, and even the kind of items you're buying, when determining individual credit scores.

The good news is that the complexity of the credit-scoring system means there are a number of concrete steps you can take to manage your debt and improve your credit score.

### FIVE DEBT MANAGEMENT TIPS TO HELP BOOST YOUR CREDIT SCORE

**Only Use One or Two Credit Cards** – It is a good idea to make all of your credit card purchases on just one or two primary cards. That's because the number of your credit cards that have balances is a factor in the calculation of your credit score. This means that charging \$60 on one credit card for dinner and \$30 on another for gas, instead of using the same card, can hurt your credit score over the long run. The

best idea is to choose just one or two cards with low-interest rates to use on a regular basis, and pay off the balances on the rest of your cards before storing them in a safe place.

**Keep Your Credit Card Balances Low** – This tip is pretty obvious, but it bears repeating. Remember that the amount of revolving credit you have versus how much you're using is a key factor in your credit score. The smaller that percentage, the better your credit score. A credit utilization rate of 25% or less is ideal.

Also keep in mind that even if you pay your balances off every month, you may have a relatively high utilization ratio due to the fact many issuers use the balance on your statement to report to the credit bureau. This means despite paying your balances off every month, your credit score still reflects your monthly credit balances. One way to deal with this is to make two or three payments to your card issuer to always keep your credit balances as low as possible.

**Leave "Old Good Debt" On Your Credit Report as Long as Possible** – Many people incorrectly believe that old debt on their credit report is a negative factor, but that's not true. Negative reports do hurt your credit score, but positive reports about how you've paid off debts help your score. This means that "old good debt" (debt you've paid off as agreed) is good for your credit. In fact, the longer your history of good debt is, the better it is for your credit score.

Make a point to leave old debt and all active accounts on your report

as long as possible. One actionable tip to boost your credit score is not to close old loan or credit accounts that you paid on time and in full.

**Make Your Credit/Loan Applications within a Two-week Period** – When you're looking around for the best deal on loans, make sure to do all your comparison shopping within a couple of weeks. This is because every actual credit application you submit causes a small decrease in your credit score for around a year.

That said, for a mortgage, auto and student loans scoring formulas are designed to reflect the fact that consumers today often make multiple credit applications but just take out one loan. A FICO score ignores all loan-related credit inquiries made in the previous 30 days. When it comes to credit inquiries that are over 30 days old, the system counts all inquiries made within

a typical shopping period (ranging from 14 to 45 days) as just one inquiry. Also, remember that any inquiries you make regarding your credit report do not have an impact on your score, so it's a good idea to order a report at least two or three times a year.

**Avoid Charging Items that Might Hint at Risk** – According to Dave Jones, a retired president of the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies, you want to avoid missing a payment or start to pay less (or



charge notably more) than you have in the past.

Other actions to avoid as they might suggest risk to your card issuer (but may or may not damage your credit score) include cash advances or using credit cards at locations that might suggest financial stress, such as a pawnshop, casino or a divorce attorney.

You don't have to be rich or a financial genius to have and keep a good credit score. If you carefully manage your debts using these tips and keep expenses within your budget, it's easy to maintain a high credit score.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A FAMILY PROTECTION DOG

by Kat Tretina

When it comes to protecting your family, you may have already taken the usual measures: alarm systems, personal firearms, and secure locks. But one of the most effective deterrents is a dog. Many dogs, regardless of breed or size, are natural watchdogs. Their bark is often enough to alert you of an issue, and a large dog tends to scare off potential dangers.

However, there is a huge difference between a watchdog and a family protection dog. The average pet will not defend you or your home if an

intruder enters. If you're looking for true home defense capabilities, a trained family protection dog is needed.

## WHAT IS A FAMILY PROTECTION DOG?

A family protection dog is more than a pet or watchdog. Unlike typical guard dogs, they are highly trained to be friendly and affectionate with owners and approved visitors but will protect their families and homes fiercely. A well-trained guard dog is a valuable part of your family with finely tuned functions to defend you without a moment's hesitation.

## WHAT BREEDS MAKE THE BEST PROTECTORS?

The breeds that make the best protectors vary depending on what you need. Any dog is capable of alerting you by barking, but some breeds are not well suited for protection work. Docile dogs like Golden Retrievers and Labradors make wonderful pets but tend not to make very good guards for your home. Their nature tends to welcome anyone without question. "Bully breeds" like Rottweilers, Pit-bulls and Presa Canarios are outstanding defenders, but due to the controversy over their personalities and perceived aggressive natures, good examples of the breeds are increasingly hard to obtain. Many housing complexes, counties, and townships also have breed restric-

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tions, making these an impractical choice for many.

Herding breeds like German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Belgian Sheepdogs and Komondors make excellent family protection dogs. Because of centuries of breeding these dogs to herd and protect livestock, they have an innate instinct to protect and defend.

Some mixed breeds can be trained to be effective family protection dogs, but it is very dependent on the dog's unique mix of genetic traits and individual personality. When determining if a dog has the potential to succeed as a defender, he or she should have the following qualities:

**Confidence:** A strong defender should not cower, be nervous, or spook easily. Even when faced with loud noises and strangers, he must stand his ground.

**Boldness:** Look for a dog that isn't afraid of new things. In puppies, look for the pup that comes over to visit you or who tackles a new toy right away.

**Sociability:** A family protection dog cannot be vicious or temperamental. This needs to be an animal you would trust with your children, so it should be relaxed at home and

aloof but wary with strangers when you are home.

**Trainability:** Some breeds are naturally suspicious and defensive around strangers, but their independent natures make them difficult to train to be reliable protection dogs. Akitas and Chow Chows, for instance, are large, intimidating and strong, but are very willful and difficult to train.

**Fight Drive:** Fight drive is very different than aggression. Fight drive is the dog's instinct to protect itself and its pack. This is a dog that doesn't start a fight but will meet the challenge if needed without hesitating.

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## WHAT TRAINING DOES A FAMILY PROTECTION DOG NEED?

A family protection dog requires training well above and beyond standard obedience. The sensitive nature of the work makes it difficult for average owners to handle by themselves. A reliable protector requires training from a seasoned professional specializing in defense animals.

After learning standard obedience commands like come, stay, sit, down and heel, most potential family protection dogs enter a program called Schutzhund, a German performance sport that assesses a dog's workability and temperament; this is the same training most police and military dogs go through.

Trainers will emphasize that a family protection dog needs to be well-rounded. It is not enough to have a dog trained in just protection work; he also has to have achieved a high level of obedience to do his job properly and be safe around your family.

## HOW MUCH DO FAMILY PROTECTION DOGS COST?

This is not an easy answer; prices can range anywhere from \$5,000-60,000, depending on many factors:

**Age:** If you're buying a puppy as a potential family protection dog, you get a steep discount; a good potential candidate can be had for just \$2,000-3,000. But that means you are



responsible for everything from housebreaking to training. It could be a long process until he's ready and you run the risk that he doesn't have the right temperament and focus for protection work. An older, trained dog has proven himself as a guard and so will come with a much higher premium.

**Level of Training:** Family protection dogs have different levels of training, from basic commands to highly specialized tasks similar to that of a military dog. These highly trained dogs can cost well into the five figures.

## Self-Training Versus Professional:

Whether or not you intend to train yourself or hire a professional will impact the cost. If you are not an experienced trainer, it's not recommended you try this yourself. Either purchase an already-trained older animal or hire a trainer to work alongside you to train your pup.

**Delivery Fees:** Some of the best examples of guard dog breeds can only be found overseas. Many family protection dogs are bred and trained in Europe and only shipped when there's a buyer. Depending on the dog's location, this can add significantly to your cost.

While there are many factors to consider before bringing a guard dog into your home, family protection dogs are an excellent investment in your family's security. With proper breeding, selection, and training, your dog will be an asset to your family and give you peace of mind.

## WHY YOU NEED TO START GROWING YOUR OWN FOOD (START PLANNING NOW FOR SPRING)

by Dave Scott

One of my biggest nightmares has always been that I might someday have to look across my kitchen table at my hungry children and be unable to procure the food to fill their bellies. Let's face it, for most of us, food is something we take for granted. I am convinced that the main reason for this nearly universal western attitude is that the supply of food in the United States appears to be so plentiful and infinite. We have grocery stores stacked nearly on top of each other in every city and town stocked with more food than we would need in a lifetime. All we need do is take a short drive and stock up. So why then would anyone want to



grow his or her food? Let's be honest procuring one's food is hard work, certainly much harder than buying it from one massive store.

But when we dig a little deeper, the truth is that our food supply system is pretty frighteningly fragile. There are so many moving parts, food is no longer grown locally and supplied locally, but grown far away on massive factory farms and shipped across the country, heck sometimes even across the globe, to your little grocery store. The supply chain is massive, and it has so many moving parts, trucks, ships, planes, roads, rail, fuel, factories, farmers, workers, drivers, and pilots, and even that is a major oversimplification.

We all know intuitively that the more complex the system, the more vulnerable it is to a complete breakdown. I see our global food system as nothing more than a giant game of Jenga. You know, that game where you stack blocks and try and poke them out one by one without the whole stack falling over? It's not a matter of if the stack will fall, but which block will be the linchpin.

And that's not even considering the impacts of global economic hardships and major food price volatility. As blocks are removed from the "game," and the stack gets wobbly, supply becomes more difficult and demand more competitive, driving food prices through the roof. Will it be widespread drought, drained

aquifers, honeybee colony collapse, world war, governmental collapse, natural disaster, or something else? Who knows?

Right now, for the vast majority of you, your life and the lives of those that you love, are completely dependent on the health and viability of this global food supply system. I don't know about you, but to say that makes me uncomfortable is a HUGE understatement. I am not worried about myself, but my loved ones. If I were to starve to death some day, I am sure it would suck, but I can handle thoughts of my death. I cannot, however, handle the thought that I failed those who count on me to provide for them. I will not let that happen, and neither should you.



In my perfect world, I'd live on some land where I had space for a large garden, with good soil, plentiful water, and lots of game to hunt. I am working hard to get there, but we don't need to be in the absolute ideal situation to grow some of our food and become more sustainable and self-reliant.

Think what you will of Cuba and their ruthless communist government, but one interesting thing that has come out of the last 60 years in Cuba is widespread community gardening and local food production. With sanctions crushing down on the Cuban economy, global supply of food and goods was shut down forcing the people to make due with little. The Cuban model is a fantastic window into what the world might look like without global supply chains. In Cuba, rooftop and backyard gardens supply much of the food that the locals need in many areas. Sure, there are still large farms, but there are many many more container gardens in super small spaces watered with captured rainwater.

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It is easy to give up on the thought of growing your food because you are not in the ideal setting, or because you don't have enough room to grow all of your food. But that is short-sighted. Beginning to grow some of your food before a major food crisis strikes give you the vital skills, knowledge, seeds, and gear to do it on a larger scale if and when it becomes necessary. In the meantime, you will be saving money and picking up a hobby that can be stress relieving, fun, and can bring your family closer together. I don't know about yours, but my kids don't like eating store-bought vegetables, but when they have planted it, watched it sprout, and harvested it, they gobble it up faster than a chocolate chip cookie. And at the same time, I am also giving them the vital skills that they will need to take care of themselves in our ever-changing and vulnerable world. Isn't that what being a parent is all about? So don't wait, start taking steps to begin growing some of your food. Even if it's just a 4' x 4' plot in your yard, or a small container garden on your apartment balcony, it will make a difference.



## HOW TO SURVIVE A WINTER STORM

by Craig Caudill

I am a statistical analyst by trade and education. I have a tendency to look at patterns and data on a regular basis. One thing I have noticed regarding preparedness in the news is that there are a disproportionately large number of people that suffer tragic consequences during winter storms. For some reason, we think that if we have a home, workplace, and vehicle that we are immune to such problems. This is simply

not true. There are a few things we can do to increase our chances of survival exponentially.

### HAVE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Too many people have perished because they slid off the road, had an engine failure, or got lost in a rural setting in winter conditions without an emergency kit. I prefer to have a go bag with some essentials it, but also prepare a car kit that stays with my vehicle at all times. When the seasons change, and it starts to become cold, I include other items. Here is a list of items you should have in a basic winter kit:





- Blankets (wool or fleece)
- Poncho-style tarps
- Hand warmers
- Fire-starting equipment (fire cubes, lighter, ferrocium rod)
- Signal flares and flags.
- Backup power for your phone

### STAY WITH YOUR VEHICLE

Listen to me closely on this one, it is important. I have read story, after

story of those who perished after being lost or in a wreck in a winter storm. Most of those who perished were the “hero” of the group who left and tried to get help. The person who does this without adequate training and gear is increasing the likelihood they will die. Often the person who leaves has died and those who stayed lived on. This is because your vehicle is an incredibly compact shelter. When you leave you exert a lot of energy, and do so in the elements. This is a recipe for disaster. Do what you can to stay with your vehicle and signal for assistance. That is where the signal flares and flags come into play from our list.

### INFORM OTHERS

The most important thing to do is to make sure you tell someone where you are going and when you expect

to return. This assumes you checked the weather and knew there is the possibility of a storm. If you have no choice but to go into it, keep those back at home or work your intended route and timing. This will serve to get help to you in a quicker fashion if there is trouble.

### ON YOUR OWN TWO FEET

Let’s also consider what would happen if you were backpacking or hunting and found yourself in a winter storm. There are some simple things to keep in mind that can help you here as well:

- Have wicking garments against your body and layers on top that serve to keep your body warm.
- Know where conifer trees are in a rural area. Conifers are the green trees that will shed much of the snow that will fall upon them to the outside of the tree away from the trunk. Next, to these trees you will find less snow and better places to build a shelter.
- Always have certain essentials on your person if you venture outside. One is a lighter, another is a ferrocium rod, as mentioned above. These can help you build a life-saving fire in the event you get stuck outside.
- When attempting to find or otherwise build shelter, avoid

the tops of hills (too much wind) or the bottom of a ravine (too much moisture). Find a halfway point where you can shelter. The root ball of a tree will often provide one “wall” from the wind.

- Carry other basic supplies.
- AND tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return.

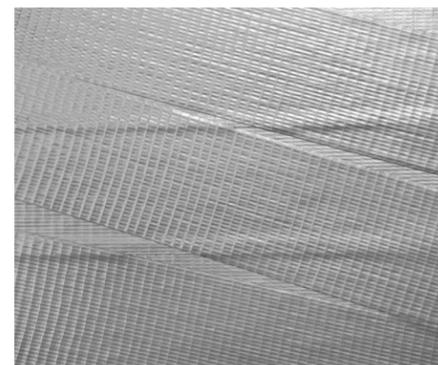
Keep in mind that these very simple things are the borne out of years of research. Don’t forgo heeding this message in favor of technical things that do not work. We always suggest keeping it simple.

## 10 WAYS DUCT TAPE CAN SAVE YOUR LIFE

by Kat Tretina

The do-it-all material we know today as duct tape has a long and celebrated history. While early versions of it existed in the 1900’s, it was the mother of two World War II Navy sailors who came up with the idea of duct tape as we know it.

As a factory worker, Vesta Stoudt worried about the seals on ammunition boxes and how they could cost soldiers precious time in the line of fire. She came up with the idea of using a special fabric tape and



A bandage being secured with duct tape

tested it out on her own time. She sent her idea directly to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was so impressed with her concept, he sent it on to the War Production Board. They perfected Stoudt’s idea, and it was used to seal ammunition boxes and repair military equipment. After the war, it was sold to homeowners for basic home projects.

If you have ever attempted a home repair on your own, you know the value of duct tape. From reinforcing a storage tub to sealing a jar, duct tape has an infinite amount of uses. However, many people overlook its value in an emergency situation. Duct tape can be a life-saving addition to your supply bag. These are just ten ways duct tape can end up saving you in a crisis:

**1. Wound treatment:** In a pinch, duct tape can be used to treat injuries. If you have a bad cut, duct

tape can help seal the wound and serve as temporary stitches. The tough adhesive can also help stop the bleeding. Clean the wound as best you can, with antiseptic if possible, or with just water and soap. Cover the area with gauze or a clean scrap of cloth, then cover it with a thick strip of duct tape.

**2. Shelter:** Duct tape can help keep you dry, even if your tent has a hole or you are completely exposed. Strips of duct tape can fix tears and can seal the tent opening closed. If all you have is cloth or a trash bag, strips of duct tape can hold pieces together and create a shelter roof or lean-to.

**3. Warmth:** If your shoes are not waterproof or all you have is a light jacket and are forced to brave the elements, a roll of duct tape can be all you need. Cover the shoes with a layer of duct tape to insulate them and keep moisture from getting through. Lining your jacket with



Duct tape being used to reinforce a window

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duct tape can keep the wind out and help trap your body heat.

**4. Seal ammo boxes:** If you are concerned about storing your ammunition, wrapping duct tape around the outside of the packaging can keep the contents free of any moisture or contaminants.

**5. Patch up a sleeping bag:** If your sleeping bag has developed a tear and is losing its feathers or insulation, a few strips of tape can fix the problem and keep you snug.

**6. Make a rope:** If necessary, duct tape can make a relatively secure cable. Twisting together several lengths of duct tape can allow you to create a decent cord for climbing or lowering yourself down.

**7. Wrap an ankle:** If you sprained your ankle, you can create a makeshift splint by wrapping duct tape around it. It will provide extra support and help keep your ankle in the proper position.

**8. Reinforce a window:** In the case of a hurricane or tropical storm, your home's windows can become a



*Duct tape being used to wrap an ankle.*

danger to your safety. Use duct tape to line the windows and reinforce the seams to help prevent them from smashing during a storm.

**9. Make handcuffs:** While it may sound extreme, if you are ever faced with a home intruder, burglar or need to make a citizen's arrest, duct tape can make strong handcuffs. Wrapping the tape in figure eights around the person's wrists and ankles can restrict their movements and keep them in place until help arrives.

**10. Mark a trail:** If you are out in the woods and aren't sure of the way, you can use pieces of tape to mark where you have been. This can help ensure you do not end up walking in

circles and can help others looking for you to find you quickly.

For decades, duct tape has been a tool with dozens of uses. From basic repairs to major projects, duct tape can be utilized for a broad range of activities. It is an essential and inexpensive supply that should be in any emergency or first-aid kit in case of a crisis.

## **NEXT MONTH**

Would you like to learn all you can about the fine art of negotiating and bartering? Our experts will share how you can get more for less. You will also learn how to build relationships and join a community of like-minded people that are sensitive to resources and committed to providing for their families in a way that cuts out the middleman and makes sense.



*Duct tape being used to seal an ammo can*