

## Home Intruders Survey

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 7th-9th September 2012

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Weighted base	2102	1030	1072	252	336	399	357	315	441	568	610	441	483	361	816
Any level of force	1002 48%	557 54%	445 42%	117 47%	159 47%	186 47%	166 47%	144 46%	229 52%	229 40%	277 45%	250 57%	246 51%	149 41%	433 53%
Reasonable force	980 47%	427 41%	553 52%	102 40%	149 44%	190 48%	172 48%	166 53%	202 46%	303 53%	300 49%	172 39%	205 42%	187 52%	344 42%
No force should be used by individual householders	39 2%	11 1%	27 3%	9 4%	7 2%	8 2%	5 1%	4 1%	6 1%	9 2%	11 2%	6 1%	13 3%	7 2%	7 1%
Don't know	81 4%	35 3%	47 4%	24 9%	22 7%	16 4%	14 4%	1 *	4 1%	26 5%	21 3%	14 3%	20 4%	17 5%	32 4%

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	48%	36%	49%	48%	49%	48%	50%	50%	48%	51%	49%	45%	48%	50%	45%	49%	53%	55%	41%	30%
Reasonable force	980	107	47	118	85	89	70	51	92	101	123	97	694	321	373	271	107	43	122	15
	47%	59%	50%	48%	46%	46%	43%	45%	47%	38%	45%	51%	49%	46%	51%	42%	39%	36%	48%	55%
No force should be used by individual householders	39	3	-	3	5	3	3	3	3	6	4	4	18	9	9	21	10	2	10	-
	2%	1%	-	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	4%	1%	4%	-
Don't know	81	6	2	7	4	10	8	2	6	22	9	5	38	16	22	39	12	9	19	4
	4%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	5%	2%	3%	8%	4%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	4%	7%	7%	15%

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I generally understand the law and the extent to which I can use force	814 39%	474 46%	340 32%	92 37%	126 37%	140 35%	144 40%	127 40%	185 42%	206 36%	264 43%	182 41%	162 33%	157 44%	332 41%
I'm a little confused about the law and the extent to which I can use force	1060 50%	459 45%	601 56%	127 50%	166 49%	200 50%	183 51%	164 52%	220 50%	304 54%	286 47%	216 49%	253 52%	175 49%	389 48%
I do not understand the law at all	228 11%	97 9%	131 12%	33 13%	45 13%	59 15%	31 9%	24 8%	37 8%	57 10%	59 10%	44 10%	68 14%	29 8%	95 12%

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The householder should be arrested, and a jury in a criminal court should decide whether "reasonable force" was used	236 11%	125 12%	111 10%	43 17%	51 15%	41 10%	35 10%	32 10%	35 8%	71 13%	74 12%	45 10%	47 10%	48 13%	86 11%
The householder should go in for questioning at their local police station, to assist them with their enquiries, but should not be judged by the legal system	1313 62%	628 61%	685 64%	132 52%	192 57%	242 61%	221 62%	212 67%	315 71%	343 60%	343 56%	312 71%	315 65%	215 60%	512 63%
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