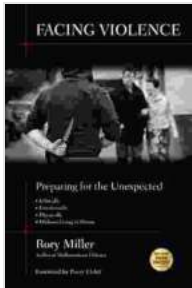


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Violence is a reality that we all must face. It can strike at any time, and it can happen to anyone. While we cannot control whether or not we will be victims of violence, we can take steps to prepare ourselves and reduce our risk.

The first step to preparing for violence is to educate yourself about the different types of violence and the risks that you face. This knowledge will help you to make informed decisions about how to protect yourself.

There are many different types of violence, but some of the most common include:

- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault

- Robbery
- Assault
- Homicide

The risk of violence varies depending on a number of factors, including your age, gender, race, and socioeconomic status. However, everyone is at risk of violence, regardless of their background.

Once you have educated yourself about the different types of violence and the risks that you face, you can start to take steps to prepare yourself. Here are some tips:

- **Be aware of your surroundings.** Pay attention to the people and things around you, and be on the lookout for anything that seems suspicious.
- **Trust your instincts.** If something feels wrong, it probably is. Don't ignore your gut feeling.
- **Avoid dangerous situations.** If you can, avoid walking alone at night, being in isolated areas, or interacting with strangers who seem dangerous.
- **Take a self-defense class.** Learning self-defense techniques can give you the confidence and skills you need to protect yourself in the event of an attack.
- **Carry a whistle or other noisemaker.** This can help you to attract attention and scare off an attacker.

- **Program emergency numbers into your phone.** This will make it easier to call for help in the event of an emergency.
- **Talk to someone you trust about your concerns.** This can help you to feel more prepared and less alone.

Preparing for violence is not about living in fear. It is about taking steps to protect yourself and your loved ones. By educating yourself about the risks, being aware of your surroundings, and taking precautions, you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim of violence.

What to Do if You Are Attacked

If you are attacked, the most important thing to do is to stay calm and think clearly. Here are some tips:

- **Try to de-escalate the situation.** If possible, try to talk to the attacker and get them to calm down.
- **If de-escalation is not possible, try to escape.** Run away if you can, and call for help.
- **If you cannot escape, fight back.** Use any means necessary to defend yourself, including biting, scratching, kicking, and screaming.

After an attack, it is important to seek help immediately. Call the police and report the incident. You should also seek medical attention, even if you do not feel injured. An attack can be a traumatic experience, and it is important to get the support you need.

Violence is a serious problem, but it is one that we can overcome. By educating ourselves, being aware of our surroundings, and taking

precautions, we can reduce our risk of becoming victims of violence. And if we are ever attacked, we can fight back and protect ourselves.

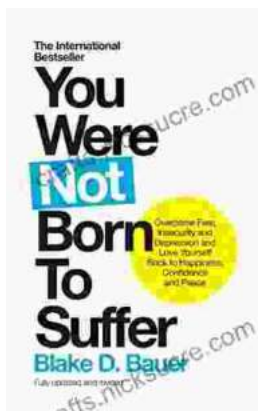


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