



PEPPER SPRAY 101

Q: What is pepper spray?

A: Pepper spray is an easy to carry, non-lethal self-defense tool. The active ingredient is an extract of hot peppers called oleoresin capsicum.

Q: Is Pepper Spray legal?

A: The highest concentration of oleoresin capsicum is 2 million SHU (Scoville Heat Units), which is legal in all 50 states.

Pepper Spray is for self-defense use only. Any use of pepper spray for non-self-defense purposes is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

Not to be purchased by minors, felons or people addicted to narcotics or alcohol.

In New York and Massachusetts pepper spray can only be purchased from licensed firearms dealers. Depending on regulations dealers may or may not ship to Michigan.

Q: Does it work?

A: Not even a gun is 100% effective and can land you in jail. Pepper spray is non-lethal and according to the NYPD over 80% effective.

Q: What are the effects of Pepper Spray?

A: Pepper Spray causes sever burning of the eyes and skin, hacking cough and difficulty breathing that lasts 20 to 40 minutes.

Q: I'm not sure I'm comfortable using pepper spray. Why do I need it?

A: Assailants tend to choose people who are smaller and weaker, and going head to head with someone larger and stronger is not advisable. Also if a criminal gets a hold of you, you are in a much more dangerous position. Pepper spray can help even the odds and keep an attacker at a distance. This is especially desirable if you have a child with you.

By preparing ahead of time you are being smart.

Q: Is there a best pepper spray and if yes than why?

A: Pepper Spray comes in all different shapes, sizes and potencies. We advocate the use of the ASP Palm Defender reusable pepper spray for a few reasons. ASP is a proven brand name trusted by many law enforcement agencies and private citizens. The Palm Defender is impossible to aim incorrectly, even when your adrenaline is pumping the thumb trigger and the end of the cylinder makes it virtually impossible to spray at yourself.

Finally the Palm Defender can also be used as an excellent striking weapon in the event that you miss your target or an attacker gets within arms reach.

As a disposable option, we advocate Sabre brand. Sabre's disposable Pepper Spray products are the least expensive and most effective and reliable on the market.

There are other brands out there. Some are more expensive and not necessarily better. Do your own research. We are a small company and have not looked extensively into all brands.

Q: Can Pepper Spray kill someone?

A: Pepper Spray is a non-lethal self-defense tool designed to incapacitate an attacker not kill them. There are inherent risks when using any self defense tool but we have found no evidence that directly relates the use of pepper spray to death.

Q: What happens if it doesn't stop an attacker?

A: Pepper Spray is highly effective (according to a recent NYPD report over 80% effective), but in the event that your attacker is on drugs and doesn't react, the ASP Palm Defender is made of metal and can act as an impact weapon.

If you chose to buy a more traditional spray container, you should always have a back up plan, especially if you have children with you.

Q: When Do I Use Pepper Spray?

A: You should use your pepper spray if you feel threatened and cannot simply leave the area. Leaving is always preferable, but if it is not an option you must defend yourself.

Q: When Do I Carry Pepper Spray?

A: The idea is to be prepared. If you don't carry it with you it won't work! Keep pepper spray in your pocket, purse, stroller, etc. Carry it in your hand whenever you are alone or in any danger zone, like a garage or elevator, even during the day. Carry it at night or anytime you are jogging. Again, avoid dangerous, poorly lit or isolated areas. Travel with others. Let people know where you are and when to expect you.

Q: Who is behind Pepper Spray University?

A: You can read about Devi Protective Group Founder, Teja Van Wicklen at DeviProtectiveOffense.com.

We are dedicated to making life a little safer. We have years of experience in safety training and the primary purpose of our service is to make sure every customer has access to proper instruction and is fully capable of using their pepper spray device successfully in the event of an emergency. We offer comprehensive self defense education on request (contact info@DeviProtectiveOffense.com).