

Use of Force in Self-Defense

Charts and Diagrams

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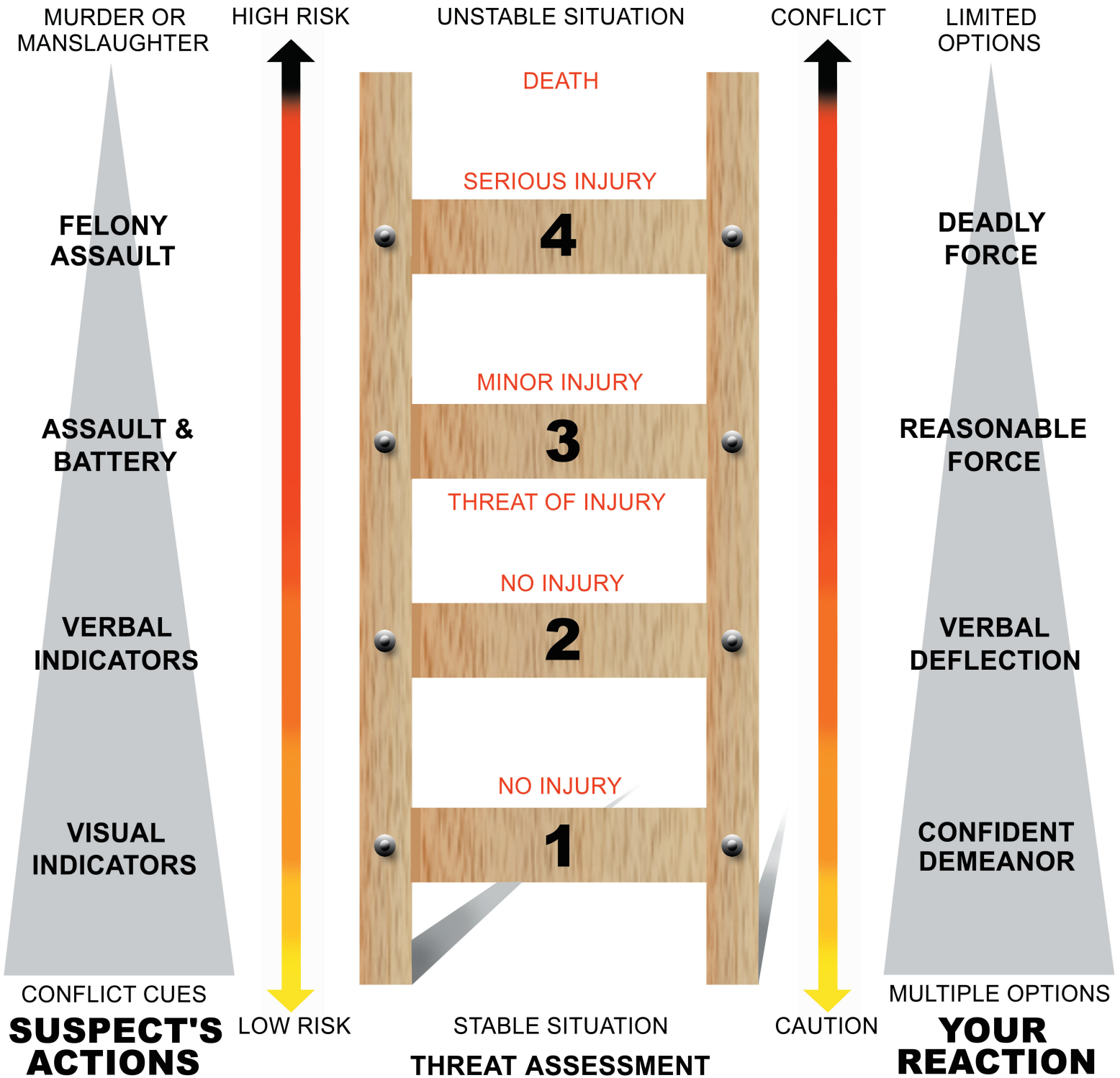
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USE-OF-FORCE LADDER™

FOR CIVILIAN SELF-DEFENSE



DEADLY FORCE: Any force that is likely to cause death or serious bodily injury.

REASONABLE FORCE: The level of force that a reasonable person would use in a similar situation.

VERBAL DEFLECTION: Words, or silence, used to diffuse a situation rather than to incite.

CONFIDENT DEMEANOR: Physical appearance of self-confidence and determination.

THREAT ASSESSMENT: Anticipating likely conflict paths before they occur (at all levels).

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THE CONFLICT CYCLE™



- 1. EDUCATION** Knowledge Domain (preparation for conflict through training)
- 2. INITIATION** The event that starts a conflict (conflict cues)
- 3. ESCALATION** Immediate or gradual increase of danger (indicators)
- 4. CONFRONTATION** Use of force (Jim Wagner Use-of-Force Ladder™)
- 5. STABILIZATION** Escape or citizen's arrest, triage/first aid, police contact
- 6. NORMALIZATION** Possible hospitalization, contemplation and litigation
- 7. EVALUATION** Debriefing and learning from experiences; adjust training

