



# Alaska State Legislature

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## Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 200

**Short Title:** USE OF FORCE TO PROTECT SELF/HOME/PROP.

### Summary:

- Clarifies the circumstances under which a person can use deadly and non-deadly force in the defense of self, property and others.
- Allows use of deadly force by a person inside a vehicle when a car is being car-jacked.
- Allows the use of deadly force by a person outside a vehicle during a car-jacking when there is a person inside the vehicle who is not a household member.
- Specifies that a person has no "duty to leave the area" before using deadly force when the person is:
  - at the person's home, at a place where the person is a guest, or at the person's place of employment;
  - protecting a child or member of the person's household.
- Allows a person to use deadly force to prevent sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.
- Prohibits the use of force for any reason against law enforcement officers, firefighters, medical personnel, or a first responder in an emergency situation.
- Requires award of reasonable attorney fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income and expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of a civil suit.
- Provides civil immunity to a person who properly uses defensive force.

### Benefits:

- Allows individuals to more adequately protect themselves and others from violent crimes.

### Background:

- Based on a Florida statute hailed as the "Castle Law," SB 200 allows force as a legal option under certain circumstances where life, property and the welfare of others is at high risk.