

Justifiable Taking of Life

The intentional taking of the life of another is only legal if necessary in resisting or preventing an offense which the actor reasonably believes exposes the actor or another to great bodily harm or death or preventing the commission of a felony in the actor's place of abode.

[Minn. Stat. §§ 609.06 & 609.065]

Self-Defense

In terms of self-defense, Minnesota law imposes a **duty to retreat**, which means that if a person feels threatened, he or she may only use deadly force as a last resort. Although Minnesota doesn't have a **Castle Doctrine** law per se, it does recognize the principles of the doctrine because Minnesota law allows a person to use deadly force if the individual reasonably believes that the person or another person is at risk of great bodily harm or death or to prevent a felony from occurring in the person's home.

Authorized Use of Force

Reasonable force may be used when the following circumstances exist or the actor reasonably believes them to exist, in part:

- When used by any person in resisting or aiding another to resist an offense against the person;
- When used by any person in lawful possession of real or personal property, in resisting a trespass upon or other unlawful interference with such property;
- When used by a parent, guardian, teacher or other lawful custodian of a child or pupil, in the exercise of lawful authority, to restrain or correct such child or pupil;
- When used by a school employee or school bus driver, in the exercise of lawful authority, to restrain a child or pupil, or to prevent bodily harm or death to another; or
- When used by a common carrier in expelling a passenger who refuses to obey a lawful requirement for the conduct of passengers and reasonable care is exercised with regard to the passenger's personal safety.

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