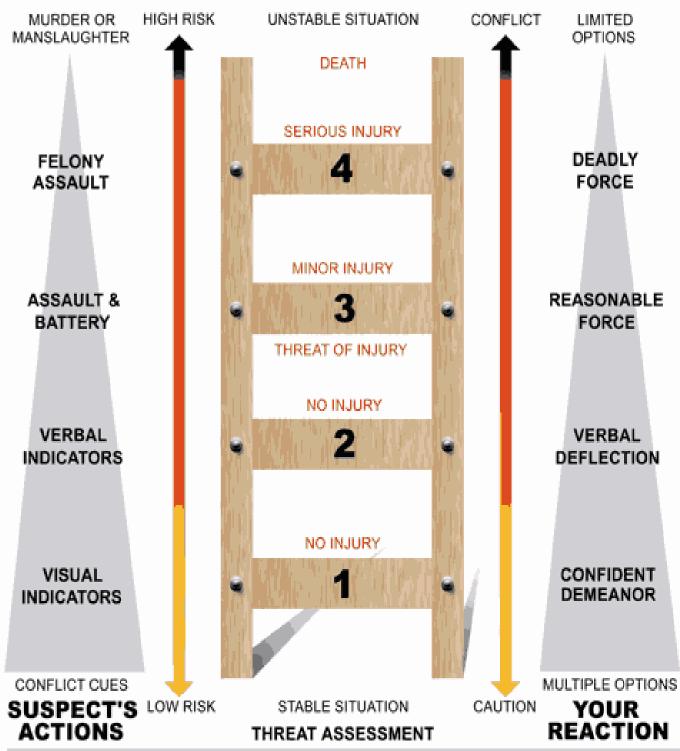
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USE-OF-FORCE LADDER FOR CIVILIAN SELF-DEFENSE



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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