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## American 3-3-3 Rule for Gunfights – Myth, Reality and South African Relevance

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Across American defensive-firearm discussions, few phrases circulate as widely as the so-called "3-3-3 rule" – the claim that most gunfights occur within three metres, last three seconds and involve three shots or fewer. It is catchy, memorable and often repeated in training environments and online commentary. But popularity is not proof.

When examined against real-world incident data, legal standards, and the realities of South African jurisprudence, the concept proves to be not a rule at all, but a teaching shorthand that risks misleading armed citizens if taken literally.

### **Myth vs the Evidence**

The 3-3-3 formulation appears to trace back to historical law-enforcement engagement summaries rather than comprehensive civilian defensive-shooting datasets. Over time it has been simplified, repeated and presented as if it were a universal statistical truth. It is not.

Available analyses of civilian defensive encounters consistently show wide variation:

- Engagement distances are often well beyond contact range
- Defensive shootings frequently involve more than three rounds
- Encounters commonly last longer than a few seconds
- Many incidents, especially South

African, involve multiple attackers or dynamic movement

In short, the three variables: **distance, duration and rounds fired**, are not fixed constants. They fluctuate widely depending on environment, attacker behaviour, defender skill and situational complexity.

Practitioners who work in operational training environments emphasise the same point from experience rather than theory.

Specialist firearms trainer Dean Nieuwoudt, who has trained law-enforcement personnel and civilians locally and abroad, notes that real-world defensive encounters rarely resemble simplified statistical models.

In his words, **the only consistent feature in violent encounters is uncertainty**: unknown attackers, unknown distances and unknown duration.

Modern training doctrine therefore focuses on what Dean and other professionals call the totality of the situation – an assessment of all factors present rather than reliance on fixed assumptions.

The persistence of the rule is understandable. Simple frameworks are easy to remember and easy to teach. But defensive preparation cannot be built on mnemonic devices alone. Real-world defensive competence requires adaptability, judgment and context-driven decision-making.

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### **Why This Matters More in South Africa**

South Africa's threat environment differs materially from the contexts in which the 3-3-3 concept arose.

Violent crime locally often involves:

- multiple assailants
- armed robbery scenarios
- attacks occurring in transitional spaces (driveways, parking areas, entrances)
- unpredictable engagement distances

Such encounters rarely conform to compressed distance-time-round models. A defender may face threats at several metres, may need multiple accurate shots to stop a threat and, may remain in danger for longer than a few seconds.

Operational trainers consistently observe that civilian attacks in South Africa frequently involve more than one perpetrator and occur while victims are moving between locations rather than standing still. These transitional environments inherently produce fluid, evolving engagements rather than static confrontations. Training assumptions built around ultra-short, ultra-close encounters therefore risk preparing people for a scenario that may not resemble reality.

Training based on unrealistic assumptions can therefore be counterproductive. If someone internalises the idea that defensive encounters will always be extremely close and extremely short, they may neglect:

- accuracy beyond contact distance
- movement and use of cover
- target discrimination, and
- sustained threat assessment

In a country where criminal violence is frequently organised and often involves more than one attacker, those omissions are not academic – they can be decisive.

### **Legal Dimension: Where Doctrine Meets Courtroom Reality**

The greatest risk in treating “3-3-3” as doctrine is not tactical but legal. South African law does not evaluate defensive shootings by

numerical formulas. Courts apply a principled legal test: whether the defender's actions were necessary and reasonably proportionate to repel an imminent unlawful attack.

Every case is assessed on its facts.

This is a crucial distinction from parts of the United States, where some jurisdictions codify concepts such as stand-your-ground or statutory presumptions favouring defenders. South Africa has no such statutory presumptions.

Our law does not declare certain defensive conduct automatically justified. Instead, it asks: **Was the force used reasonable in the circumstances as they appeared to the defender at the time?**

That question is answered retrospectively, often months after the incident, by investigators, prosecutors and courts. The number of rounds fired, the distance involved and the duration of the encounter are all examined – but not against a checklist or slogan. They are weighed against the totality of circumstances.

Importantly, even a clearly justified defensive shooting may still trigger investigation and prosecution before vindication. That reality alone underscores why simplistic formulas can be legally dangerous. If a defender fires more than three rounds or engages at a longer distance, the issue is not whether they exceeded a mythical “rule”. The issue is whether their actions were reasonable and necessary given the threat they faced.

### **Where U.S. Jurisprudence Aligns and Where It Doesn't**

Both South African and American legal systems recognise a common core principle:

A person may use deadly force when they reasonably believe their life or bodily integrity is in imminent danger. That underlying doctrine is shared across common-law traditions.

The divergence lies in structure and emphasis. In many U.S. jurisdictions, statutes explicitly define when a defender has no duty to retreat or when force is presumed reasonable.

In South Africa, there is no statutory stand-your-ground doctrine and no legislated presumption

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of justification. Instead, courts apply a holistic analysis based on necessity, proportionality, and reasonableness in the circumstances.

This means South African defenders must be prepared not only for the incident itself (the second fight), but also for a detailed legal examination afterward (the third fight).

Experienced trainers frequently stress this point: effective preparation must include not only technical skills but also post-incident articulation and judgment. What matters is not whether conduct matched a training maxim, but whether it was rational, proportionate and defensible in law.

### Training Implications for Responsible Owners

For South African firearm owners, the practical takeaway is straightforward: train for reality, not slogans.

Effective preparation should include:

- competence across varied distances
- controlled shot placement
- movement and use of cover
- decision-making under stress, and
- threat recognition and avoidance

**Capacity, accuracy and judgment** matter more than memorising numerical rules. Defensive readiness is a spectrum of skills, not a statistic.

Professionals who train both civilians and officers consistently emphasise a further point: the ability to engage a threat is only half the skill; knowing when to stop is equally critical.

Failure to train for that dimension – sometimes described as the “third fight,” the legal and procedural aftermath – is where otherwise capable individuals may face the greatest risk.

### Larger Lesson

The enduring appeal of the “3-3-3 rule” reflects a broader tendency in public discourse: the search for simple answers to complex realities. But violence, like law, resists simplification.

Real defensive encounters are unpredictable. Real legal scrutiny is meticulous. And real responsibility demands preparation grounded in evidence, not slogans.

For South African firearm owners, the lesson is clear: **There is no formula for a fight, and there is no shortcut through the law.**

Understanding that truth is not merely tactical wisdom – it is legal prudence.



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## Gear and Guts

by Sheriff Jim Wilson  
29 October 2025

I have recently been doing some research on the famous FBI/Miami shootout. In 1986, an FBI team cornered and killed two Florida bank robbers. In the same shootout, two FBI agents were killed and others were wounded; it was an expensive victory for the Bureau. Various books and internet articles have been written about the incident, not the least of which is "FBI Miami Firefight", by FBI agent Ed Mireles, one of the participants. What I find interesting is all of the after-action critiques that have surfaced since then.

In some circles, criticism was immediately aimed at the particular 9mm ammunition issued to some of the agents. However, my sources tell me that the issued 9mm ammo performed just the way that the FBI had specified in its order.

Of course, others immediately declared that the outcome would have been entirely different if the agents were armed with guns in 10mm. After issuing the 10mm, the bureau then went to .40 S&W and are currently back on 9mm. Make of that what you will.

At the time of the gunfight, only certain agents were authorized to carry semi-automatic pistols while others carried double-action revolvers. As a result of this gunfight, at least in part, the bureau soon began to issue semi-automatics to all of their agents.

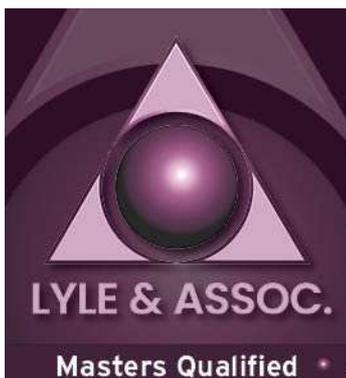
In the aftermath of such an event, it is natural to go back and give a good, hard look at the equipment that is issued. I get that. However, too often that examination turns into the temptation to blame that gear and equipment. Those who would blame the equipment are overlooking the fact that Agent Ed Mireles ended that fight with a pump-action shotgun and a Smith & Wesson .38 Special revolver, guns that were already considered old-fashioned and outdated.

Mireles, seriously wounded in one arm, figured out how to cycle his pump shotgun with one hand, a technique that was probably not taught in the agency's academy. When the shotgun went dry, he simply got up, walked over to the suspects' car and shot them with his revolver.

Now, I don't know Ed Mireles and can't speak for what was going through his mind during this time. I can only develop an opinion based upon an external examination of his actions. To me, his actions speak of a man who had decided that this mess had gone on long enough and it was time to put a stop to it by whatever means was necessary.

The lesson for us is that while the best quality defensive equipment is a good thing it is only one part of the equation. Equally as important is the ability and willingness to use that equipment for its intended purposes under the most trying circumstances. Gear and Guts ... you need them both.

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## In Memory of Bruce Shaw

Founder in Spirit,  
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Guardian of Principle.

It is with deep sadness that the Trustees of the South African Gunowners' Association record the sad passing of Trustee, Bruce Shaw on 7 February 2026. His loss is felt within SAGA, across South Africa's lawful firearm community, and throughout the international shooting fraternity.

Bruce's connection to SAGA began even before the organisation formally existed. In those formative years of organising responsible firearm owners in South Africa, Bruce was already present – thoughtful, steady and committed to the principle that lawful gun owners deserved a credible, principled voice.

As SAGA grew, Bruce remained a constant: calm in difficult times, generous with his experience and unwavering in his support for constitutional, evidence-based advocacy.

Within SAGA, Bruce was respected for his quiet wisdom rather than loud opinion. He had a rare ability to rise above emotion and focus on fairness, legality and respect for due process. Many in SAGA sought his counsel over the years, trusting his balanced judgment and institutional memory. His influence was often felt more than heard, and it definitely helped shape the character SAGA.

Internationally, Bruce represented SAGA with distinction at the World Forum of Shooting Associations (WFSA). Bruce developed many long-term relationships with major role players, worldwide, in the firearms industry and sporting field. These reflected the respect he earned through decades of integrity and consistency. A major highlight of Bruce's international involvement was giving a speech at the United Nations in New York in June 2006, on behalf of SAGA.

Those who knew Bruce will remember his warmth, his understated humour, and his characteristic farewell: "Go well." In that same spirit, we now say: "Bruce, go well."



Our deepest condolences to Bruce's wife, Inga, their children Brett and Kim, and extended family.

Bruce leaves behind a legacy of calm leadership, principled advocacy and quiet loyalty. SAGA is stronger because of him – and his example will endure.

Rest in peace, Bruce. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

### Message of Thanks:

Inga has requested that we pass on her heartfelt thanks for all the messages and emails received from the firearms community.



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## How to Shoot Around Cover

by Jo Deering  
22 February 2026

We've talked before about cover vs. concealment, and the difference between the two is pretty simple: Cover stops bullets; concealment only hides you from sight. Should you ever find yourself in an armed confrontation, taking cover is an excellent idea to protect yourself from gunfire. However, if you need to shoot around cover or from behind cover, you must do so very carefully. It's much too easy to pop out from behind cover and offer yourself as an easy target while you're getting your own shot off. Here's how to shoot from behind cover.

The overarching rule is that you shouldn't expose yourself any more than is necessary to take your shot. Say you are shooting from behind a brick wall and someone is shooting back at you. You wouldn't just walk out from behind the wall, stand next to it and line up your shot – you'd expose your entire body this way, and you'd stand a good chance of getting hit before you could get a shot off.

### **Play the Angles**

One of the ways we avoid exposing ourselves is to play the angles. When you must enter a room where you might encounter a problem, you don't just stand in the doorway and look around. Instead, you "pie the corner," which means you start at an angle and ease your way around the opening one step at a time, as if you were taking small slices out of a pie. You can't see the entire room this way, but you can see a lot more of it than you can just

standing still, and you can keep yourself shielded behind cover for much of the time. It's the same when you're shooting around cover. You can't fully see everything that's happening out in front of you, but if you work the angles and pie the corner of your cover (especially if you have more than one corner to work), you can see a lot without exposing yourself.

### **Stay Back**

It's a natural tendency to smush up against the thing that's keeping us safe, but tucked up against the cover is actually a more dangerous spot to be. The safest and most effective way to see around blind corners is to stay well back from the cover – at least three or four feet, more if you can do it safely.

This gives you a much better vantage point and a broader field of view for your pie-ing while still keeping your body shielded behind the cover. It also gives you some room to react if a bad guy breaches your cover/comes around your corner unexpectedly. And, of course, if you are right up against the cover when you lean out to take your shot, your gun and/or arms might actually be close enough for a bad guy to grab through the door or around the corner.

Staying a few feet back is also helpful in case you're experiencing ricochets or debris from incoming fire (like a brick wall that's chipping as it takes hits) or from your own shots that maybe didn't clear the cover as you had planned. And, of course, if you're four feet behind your cover when you take your shot,



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you're also four feet farther from whoever's shooting at you, and thus a smaller target.

### **Lean**

Because you want to expose as little of yourself as possible to take your shot, you won't be stepping out from behind cover. Instead, you'll pie your corner as far as you can without exposing yourself, and then when you can't see any further, it's time to lean out and shoot.

Put your weight on whichever leg is on the side you're about to shoot around and use it to support yourself as you lean your torso/head out just far enough to see the target and take your shot. Depending on your normal stance, this might be the opposite of the leg you'd normally have in the forward/weight-bearing position, so it's good to practice this opposite stance in training so it doesn't feel unbalanced. If you've pied the corner correctly and you're far back enough from your cover, you should be able to shoot without exposing much more than part of your head/eye and shoulder.

Get your gun up in a shooting position, sights aligned with your eyes as much as possible, before you start your lean. You don't want to lean out and then waste a second bringing the gun up to shoot, exposing yourself for longer than necessary.

Alternatively, if your cover is more horizontal, like if you're kneeling behind a low wall, you will probably have to pop up instead of lean out. This forces you to expose more of your head than a sideways lean. In general, a vertical line of cover provides more protection than a horizontal line of cover.

### **Keep Them Guessing**

If you can, try not to lean out and shoot from the same place twice, or at least not twice in a row. Predictability is dangerous; if you keep popping out from the same spot, the bad guy will quickly learn to just line up on that spot and pull the trigger the next time you appear.

The size and shape of your cover will dictate the extent to which you can vary your shoot-

ing position. If you're behind a huge tree, you can shoot from the left or the right (on the downside, you probably can't get back away from it as far as you'd like to pie effectively). If your cover is a long, high, brick wall, you only have one side to shoot from. You might be able to vary the height from which you shoot a little bit, but don't compromise your mobility just to vary your shooting position. For example, don't lay down on the ground just to get a shot off where they aren't expecting you – you won't be able to get up fast enough if someone breaches your cover. Kneeling or crouching will probably work, as it's fast to get out of for most of us.

### **Practice It**

You can use your unloaded gun or, better yet, a dummy gun or even just finger guns, to practice shooting around cover in your own home. There's not much in a standard house that actually counts as cover, but we're just simulating here, so practice pie-ing the corners in your own home, popping up to line up a "shot" (again, unloaded gun in a safe direction) from behind your couch or around the side of the fridge, etc. You will find your tendency is to snug up against the cover, and now's a good time to start training that instinct out.

Remember, shooting around cover is all about minimizing your profile and exposing as little of yourself as possible while still getting off a safe and effective shot. It's not a natural skill, nor is it one you're ever very likely to need, but it's a technique you can practice and prepare for just in case.

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## **SECTOR POLICY SYNOPSIS: Why Supported, Organised, Funded & Lawful Action is the Path to Firearm Rights Reform**

17 February 2026

Across South Africa's lawful firearm community, discussions repeatedly return to a deeper and more important question:

***“Within South Africa's constitutional system, what determines whether lawful firearm owners can meaningfully influence the laws and policies that govern them?”***

The question isn't whether lawful firearm owners care about policy – it's whether they understand how influence works.

This synopsis lays out the constitutional mechanics behind law-making, the limits of unorganised participation, and why only coordinated, lawful engagement shifts outcomes. In short: a few cannot sustainably carry the burden for the many.

### **Influence follows Organization**

This is not merely a sector debate. It is fundamentally a constitutional question. It concerns how authority is structured, how legislative agendas are set, and what actually changes policy outcomes in practice.

To understand why the same frustrations recur, three structural realities must be understood:

**Who** controls the policy agenda;  
**How** organised advocacy operates; and  
**Why** participation, not sector size, determines political weight.

This synopsis does not respond to speculation or online commentary. It explains the system that produces the outcomes firearm owners experience.

### **1. Political Reality – Why the Sector Often Appears Reactive**

In South Africa, the State Executive controls the legislative agenda not civil society. Bills are introduced by the Police Ministry, SAPS and the Civilian Secretariat.

When government tables legislation, the Constitution requires public participation. When civil society proposes reform, Parliament is not obliged to adopt or advance it. That is how the constitutional structure functions: agenda-setting authority rests with the State Executive.

This asymmetry explains why lawful firearm owners often feel perpetually “on the back foot”. It is not because advocacy groups are inactive – it is because formal decision-making power lies with the Executive, which has historically adopted a cautious regulatory approach toward civilian firearm ownership.

In constitutional democracies, influence shifts only when political cost shifts. Organisation, scale and sustained engagement are what alter that cost.

### **2. What SAGA Actually Does (Mostly Out of Sight)**

Much of the sector's advocacy work is preventative and therefore invisible. When preventative advocacy succeeds, nothing dramatic occurs because harmful proposals are moderated, delayed, or stopped before escalation.

SAGA focuses on administrative and constitutional law as it relates to firearm regulation.

We do not act as criminal defence attorneys or provide case-specific advice in self-defence matters.

Our mandate is systemic: to shape policy, improve regulatory rationality and hold the State accountable within the constitutional framework.

In practice, SAGA is continuously engaged in:

- Formal submissions to Parliament, NEDLAC, PSIRA, CSPA and related bodies;
- Direct engagement with Members of Parliament across party lines;
- Coordination across the lawful firearms sector;

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- Challenging unlawful or irrational conduct by SAPS/CFR; and
- Preparing strategic litigation where constitutional rights are implicated.

### 3. Reform SAGA Has Proposed or Supports

The reform proposals frequently discussed within the sector are not new. SAGA has consistently advocated for:

Licensing the person; registering the firearm;

- Ending unworkable perpetual renewal cycles;
- Rational, clearly defined licence categories;
- Removal of arbitrary firearm and ammunition limits;
- Alignment with constitutional jurisprudence; and
- a functional, digital and accountable CFR system.

The constraint is not a lack of policy ideas. The constraint is whether decision-makers are willing to advance them within the prevailing political environment.

### 4. Why “Mass Refusal to Comply” Is Not a Strategy

Calls for “*mass defiance*” may sound resolute, but they do not constitute a sustainable strategy.

In practice, enforcement would occur one licence holder at a time, across a geographically dispersed and largely compliant population. Individual owners would bear the full weight of enforcement while the majority – understandably unwilling to risk arrest, prosecution, or harm to their families – would comply.

That is not leverage. It is exposure – expecting a small number of individuals to absorb the full force of enforcement on behalf of the majority.

Rights are not preserved through chaos or

confrontation. They are preserved through law, organisation, funding, evidence and robust institutional engagement. Courts, coalitions and credibility win structural battles. Disorder does not.

### 5. Why Funding and Organisation Matter

Almost no one working in pro-firearm advocacy is full-time. Likewise SAGA is volunteered, and all Trustees are unpaid.

Yet effective advocacy requires:

- Educational outreach;
- Outsourced legal expertise;
- Evidence-based research;
- Engagement with Parliamentary and NED-LAC processes;
- Monitoring and responding to regulatory changes; and
- Strategic litigation where necessary.

Rights do not defend themselves automatically. If lawful firearm owners do not fund their own advocacy infrastructure, opposing policy agendas will remain better resourced and more effectively organised.

### 6. Mandatory vs Voluntary Organisations – Different Roles, Same Ecosystem

South Africa's firearm environment rests on two complementary pillars:

**a) Mandatory Associations** (e.g., Natshoot, NARFO, SAAACA – s16/17/20 bodies)

These exist because the FCA requires membership for certain licence categories. Their primary role is governance, training, compliance and accreditation.

**b) Voluntary Advocacy Organisations** (e.g., SAGA, Safe Citizen, GOSA and others)

These exist to defend rights and shape policy through advocacy, research, evidence-based submissions and strategic litigation. Both pillars are necessary. They are complementary – not interchangeable.

## Continued... Why Supported, Organised, Funded & Lawful Action is the Path to Firearm Rights Reform

Twenty-three firearms organisations, including Natshoot, NARFO and SAAACA, are Corporate or Associate members of SAGA to ensure coordinated representation where constitutional and legislative issues arise.

Unity does not require uniformity. It requires coordination. Recent NEDLAC engagements demonstrated that diverse organisations, acting within their respective mandates, can advance a coherent position on behalf of lawful firearm owners.

### **7. The Central Problem: The Few Carry the Load**

South Africa has approximately two million licensed firearm owners holding between three and four million legally registered firearms.

During the FCAB 2021 process, roughly 118,000 submissions were received – less than 6% of licence holders. Even that unprecedented mobilisation did not decisively alter the legislative trajectory – illustrating the structural limits of unorganised participation.

As long as only a small minority actively participates, the political cost of disregarding the sector remains limited. Scale without engagement does not translate into influence.

### **8. How Large Is the Formal Lobby?**

While there is no precise public breakdown by licence section, the structure of the Firearms Control Act indicates:

- Approximately **90% of owners** (s13 & s15) are not required to belong to any association.
- Roughly **10% of owners** (s16, s17, s20) fall within mandatory association systems.

In practical terms, the formal, organised advocacy base represents only a fraction of the sector's potential constituency. Most lawful owners are unorganised by default – not by deliberate disengagement.

### **9. The Solution: National Mobilisation**

The sectors' objective is not merely to oppose legislation. It is to build sustained civic capacity capable of shaping policy outcomes.

That requires:

- **Mass participation**, not passive ownership;
- **Household awareness**, not individual isolation;
- **Sustained funding**, not episodic outrage;
- **Professional, evidence-based engagement**; and
- **Consistent, lawful accountability of the State**.

### **10. From Spectators to Stakeholders**

This cannot remain a burden carried by a few on behalf of the many. It must become a collective effort.

We therefore call on lawful firearm owners and their families to:

- **Join** and support credible organisations (mandatory and voluntary);
- **Stay informed** through official updates;
- **Participate** meaningfully in public consultations when legislation is published.

The choice is not emotional; it is structural: either a small minority continues to carry the burden while the majority remains peripheral, or the sector matures into an organised, funded and participatory constituency capable of influencing outcomes.

**Rights are defended collectively – or they erode incrementally. The determining factor is organised participation not population.**

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## Wildland Magazine February 2026

As part of SAGA's collaboration with Wildland here is the link to your free copy of Wildland magazine, February 2026.

Click on the link in the covering email, or copy and paste the link below into your web browser:

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/70922412/wildland-februarie-2026/1>



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PVC patches are the modern equivalent to embroidered patches. Made of durable plastic they are flexible, lightweight, and weatherproof. The new SAGA PVC patch measures 6x4.2cm (length x width), and will attach to anything with Velcro like jackets, caps, backpacks and shooting bags.

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### Double Lock Folding Knife

This folder by Coast has an extremely comfortable nylon-handled grip, a 9.2cm long stainless steel blade with an ambidextrous opener, a lanyard hole and a 3-position clip. The Double Lock is a patented safety switch mechanism that works in conjunction with a primary liner lock to prevent disengagement.



Lazer engraved with the simplified SAGA 40 Year logo, this strong folding knife is robust and will give years of good service.

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### Softshell Jacket

This quality softshell jacket is a Barron brand and is available in black with the simplified SAGA 40 Year logo embroidered on the front left chest.

The jacket has elasticated binding on the sleeve opening, front shaped panels with welt pockets, bar-tacks at pockets for added durability, inverted nylon full zip opening and an inner storm flap.

Comfortable and easy-to-wear, these jackets not only look good, but will wash well too. Available in sizes from small to 5XL.

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**Family:** 1x Adult @R310 plus any number of family members @ R110 each

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By being a member you keep us in 'business' and we are able to continue working for fair and just firearm rights for responsible firearm owners in South Africa.

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