

One way to avoid winding up with a ninja in your trunk is to always keep it full of clutter such as bubble wrap, tin foil, pebbles or eggshells—items that make enough noise to warn you when something is amiss. Clever anti-ninja operatives often cram their entire cars, except for the driver's seat, with "stuff," essentially ninja-proofing their vehicles.

### ANTI-NINJA "HOTBOX"

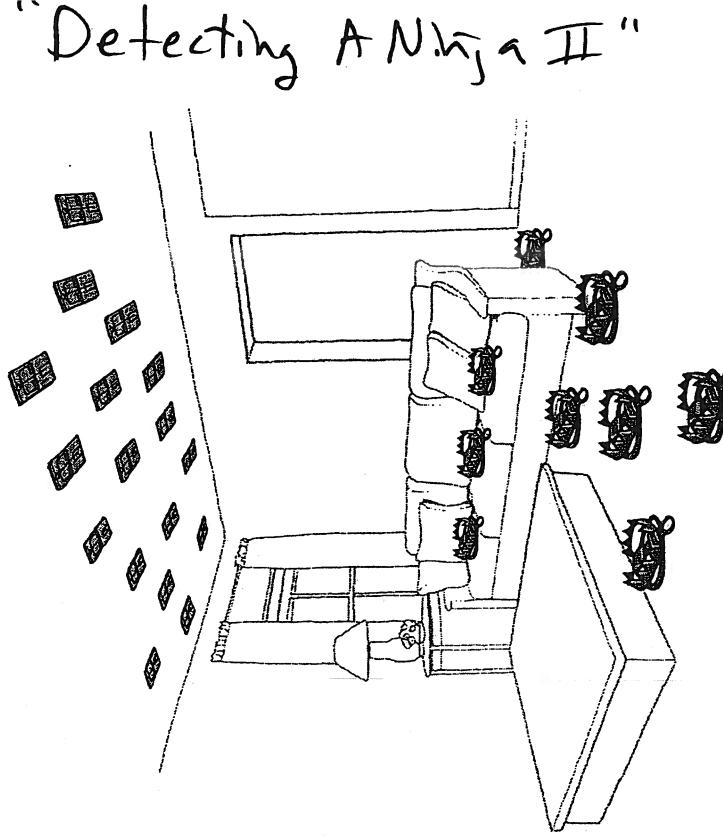
The inside temperature of parked cars can rise to upward of 140 degrees Fahrenheit in summer. The baking, potentially deadly heat is a prime deterrent against lurking ninjas. During summer months, create a "hotbox" by parking in direct sunlight with the windows tightly sealed. Remember to take your dog or baby with you when you leave the vehicle.

### GARAGE AND PARKING LOTS

Cluttered home garages are not only easy places to hide but prime locations for attacks. There may be household tools such as rakes, hoses, axes and plows the ninja can use in an impromptu attack. Clear your garage as much as possible, shoving what remains into tight spaces. Develop a keen sense of sight and a sense of your own space. You may want to photograph the garage and its contents, keeping the photos in your wallet for quick review if you suspect a ninja may be lurking. Avoid public garages at all costs. The quiet, multi-leveled structures give ninjas plenty of hiding spots and leave you with few defenses and escape routes. Always park on the street or in open parking lots where visibility is increased.

### INSIDE YOUR HOUSE

A home incursion is often described as the most horrific and violating event one can experience. The unfortunate fact is, when it comes to ninjas, this violation of space *has* happened and *will* happen again.



# "Detecting A Ninja II"

Knowing where a ninja may be concealed will give you peace of mind today and potentially save your life tomorrow.

### ENTRWAY

Doorways, rafters and indoor industrial piping provide perfect hiding spots for a ninja who has entered your house. When you open your front door, quickly scan the ceiling and beams, prepared for a sudden ninja strike.

Hiding spots above the average person's eye level have proven to be the most successful places from which to launch a ninja attack. Most people, arriving home drained of energy and even mentally brutalized from their day at the office, tend to look down and shuffle through copious amounts of junk mail.

Perching directly above doorways is one of the most athletic and effective positions a ninja will take. Straddling the top of the doorway, precisely balanced on the narrowest of trim, allows the ninja to spring elegantly onto an unsuspecting victim.

The best way to enter your foyer or front hallway is always at top speed. Once you've unlocked the door, kick it open and bolt through your house or apartment to a designated safe room.

## LIVING ROOM

The living room is full of good hiding places for the ninja to lay in wait. They can hide beneath the couch, behind the curtains, on the windowsill or under the coffee table. Be especially wary of "fort-building" ninjas that can create a deadly mess.

### THAT AIN'T SANTA CLAUS

The only person you're likely to ever find descending your soot-covered chimney is a ninja assassin.

## DINING ROOM

The dining room, often sparsely decorated, is an unlikely place to find a hiding ninja. However, if you enjoy food, the ninja may choose to attack after a particularly engorging meal. Always check the underside of your dining table. Be careful of any meal served on a closed silver platter, as infant ninjas are often hidden inside.

## DEN

The den, like the living room, offers a plethora of places for the ninja to hide—bulky, old-school television sets, fully stocked bars and foosball tables are especially dangerous locales.

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Because a successful escape requires parachuting from 30,000 feet, which many ninjas find annoyingly chilly, ninjas rarely attack on jetliners. As long as you stay in plain sight and don't use the lavatory or stroll to the back of the plane, where an impromptu attack could take place, you can relax and enjoy the "friendly" skies.

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## KITCHEN

A favorite activity of the ninja is to lie in wait in a target's kitchen as it gives the ninja a chance to enjoy a snack or a full meal without straying too far from his or her concealed position. When entering your kitchen, violently open all cabinet, refrigerator and dishwasher doors.

## LAUNDRY FACILITY

Ninjas often make use of vacant washing machines and dryers for surprise attacks. Always turn laundry machines on before you open the doors. Listen for the distinctive *thud-clunk-thud* of a revolving human body.

## BEDROOM

Bedrooms are extremely dangerous places because of their primary purpose—sleep. A ninja hiding in your mattress or box spring need only thrust a blade through the soft bedding to impale you mid-snooze. Always look under your bed and mattress before going to sleep. Of course, the smartest idea is to use a sleeping bag and bedroll instead of a full bed. Check the sleeping bag for common booby traps like poisonous snakes, spiders and scorpions.

Avoid using closets and dressers. Reduce your wardrobe to seven to ten items and keep them neatly folded in a corner of your room.

## BATHROOM

The bathroom is a prime spot for a ninja attack. The dangers of a closed, opaque shower curtain, an explosive-laden toilet seat or poisoned toiletries make the bathroom a place to be feared, not enjoyed.

The bathtub, a place for relaxation and romantically scented bubbles, can also be a deathtrap. Never sit idle in a hot bath. A soak does not help you survive. When you run a bath or turn on the shower, check the water with a pH strip to make sure it has not been chemically altered.

Empty bathtubs offer excellent hiding places for ninjas capable of blending in with smooth, curved porcelain. Deny the space by filling your bath with dirt and indoor plants. If you intend to keep your tub, you might also consider applying slow-drying roof tar to the bottom

of the tub every morning. That way, a ninja might find him or herself unexpectedly stuck to the bottom surface.

Do not use toothpaste. It is easily poisoned. If you must use a toothbrush, carry it with you, preferably around your neck, for safekeeping.

Set up a complex system of mirrors so you can check all areas of the bathroom from a distance. You might even install a camera that streams video to your cell phone. This may help you detect a ninja and also deters ninjas from hiding in your bathtub at all.

## ON THE GO

Traveling between any two points leaves you vulnerable for an extended period of time. Always prepare and draw out how you're going to move and what you need to do if disaster strikes.

### ROADWAYS

When driving on surface streets, be on the lookout for possible ninja hiding places, especially when at stops. The ninja may crouch in a roadside ditch or hide behind a billboard or flanking shrubbery. Remember, ninjas can conceal themselves behind lamp poles and sign posts that are less than four inches wide.

### FREeways

A ninja attack is unlikely on a freeway when traffic is moving at a brisk pace. However, ninjas are known to cause traffic-halting fender benders and full-on pile-ups to facilitate an attack. If you see an accident, DO NOT STOP or rubberneck. If you're in an accident yourself, your best bet is to GET OUT OF YOUR CAR IMMEDIATELY AND RUN. A hefty fine and bit of jail time is better than a ninja sword in your abdomen.

### TUNNELS AND BRIDGES

Bridges and tunnels compress traffic into confined, inescapable spaces. Expect a ninja assassin to take full advantage of these situations. If you commute over a body of water or through a tunnel, take extreme caution and avoid the route whenever possible.

### GAS STATIONS

Late at night, unattended gas stations are ninja havens. Keep an eye on nearby garbage cans, parked cars, overhangs, awnings and wandering hookers. Night attendants working behind bulletproof glass are a definite sign that ninja attacks have occurred there before.

Despite the toxic fumes, tunnels offer dark hiding places for prowling ninjas. They also provide ideal ninja shelters from rain, snow, hail and freak tornadoes.

Bridges, especially those with Art Deco flourishes or vaulting supports, allow ninjas to travel high above traffic and wait patiently with pleasing views of the surrounding landscape.

Attacks in tunnels or under bridges come from above. Ninjas may land on car roofs or in truck beds. If you regularly travel through tunnels or cross bridges on your way to work, remove any roof racks from your vehicle and avoid driving a pickup or convertible that is especially susceptible to ninja assault. Avoid driving roadways with tunnels or bridges in heavy traffic.

If you anticipate a bridge or tunnel attack, whatever you do, don't stop moving. Slamming on the brakes or otherwise halting your car gives ninjas a chance to leap into action. Keep driving straight, accelerating to match the flow of traffic and passing slower cars if possible. When you reach a street with lateral exit routes, steer your vehicle to the roadside and begin evasive maneuvers.

When approaching a tunnel or bridge, or during an attack, drive erratically. Avoid conventional rules of the road. Ninjas are trained to attack in the context of predictable situations. Driving like a "bat out of hell" may force them to resort to dangerous improvisations.

If a ninja attack is underway, try to eliminate the threat by speeding up, hitting the brakes and accelerating again. Swerve side to side while screaming. Put your hazard lights on to alert other motorists of the attack. Be aware, though, that ninjas are very hard to shake. Erratic driving, however, may force the ninja to hold on for dear life, limiting the opportunity for a violent attack.

