

Code Name Insight Monthly Task List—December

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- ___ 1) Put together a home workshop in your garage or outbuilding. Stock it with everything from tools to building materials to electronic parts, etc.
- ___ 2) Make it a habit to always back into your parking space. It's faster if you need to leave in a hurry and safer if there are little kids in your neighborhood.
- ___ 3) Make your own website. It's an efficient way to organize all of the links you usually use and can be accessed from anywhere (unlike your favorites list).
- ___ 4) Put together a home gym and use it often.
- ___ 5) Practice your observation skills. Drive through your neighborhood and when you get home write down all that you can remember (ie: who was home/who wasn't? was school out yet? was it garbage day? etc.).
- ___ 6) Turn off your heat for the weekend and practice (safely) using your disaster supplies and knowledge to stay warm.
- ___ 7) Consult with your tax advisor for end of the year recommendations for cutting your taxes.
- ___ 8) Learn to be frugal. There are many sites on the web with great, clever ideas for saving money, reusing, recycling and making due with less.
- ___ 9) Anytime you travel, make a note of where the nearest hospital, pharmacy, police station, dentist, car mechanic, and supermarket are.
- ___ 10) Keep a small bag of survival gear at work in your desk/locker. Include food, water, radio, emergency blanket, etc.
- ___ 11) Take steps to protect yourself from identity theft.
- ___ 12) Learn to skillfully drive in the snow.
- ___ 13) Make note of any problems in your home (leaky gutters, drafty windows, etc.) and put them on your spring home repair list.
- ___ 14) If you do carry a weapon (gun, pepper spray, baton, knife) resolve to do so 100% of the time.
- ___ 15) Make it a habit to always "position" yourself correctly (ie: with your back against the wall, faced towards the door of a restaurant. Why do you think taverns put mirrors behind the bar?).
- ___ 16) Always have a back-up way to access the internet (ie: dial up if you usually use cable or DSL).
- ___ 17) Become proficient in winter sports/activities: snowmobiling, skiing, ice skating, tracking in the snow, etc.
- ___ 18) Fortify the outside of your home. Consider a fence, dog, motion/heat sensor, cameras system, etc.
- ___ 19) If you are away from home often, consider getting a "security robot".
- ___ 20) Encourage all family members, roommates, guests and significant others to take home security seriously if they are staying in your home.
- ___ 21) Be sure to keep up your fitness and health regimen even during the holiday season.
- ___ 22) Experiment with ways to improve your winter gardening skills (cold frame, green house, indoor plants, etc).
- ___ 23) Polish your foreign language skills: read a foreign language newspaper, magazine or website; listen to foreign music; converse in your chosen language; etc.
- ___ 24) Spend time with friends and family.
- ___ 25) Give gifts with a preparedness slant (ie: fishing gear, tools, guns, etc.).
- ___ 26) If you do end up out in the post-holiday crowds, keep your guard up, your attention on the crowd and run through "what if" scenarios based on the situation you are in.
- ___ 27) Clean out this year's files/information/papers and get organized for the coming year.

- ___ 28) Make up your list of 'New Years Resolutions' (some of which should be survival/preparedness related).
- ___ 29) Review your preparedness goals which were set at the beginning of the year to note the progress made and determine possible goals for next year.
- ___ 30) Take advantage of after-holiday sales to stock up on needed supplies (warm clothing, outdoor gear, etc.).
- ___ 31) Celebrate the year that has just passed and renew your dedication to preparedness for the coming year.