

## **Bulletproof Vest Levels for LEOs**

### **By Safe Guard Armor**

Before buying a bulletproof vest, it is important for you to take the time to learn the differences between the many levels of protection. You want to be sure that you are wearing the right vest for the situation that you are entering. If you wear a bulletproof vest that is not designed to withstand the threat that you are going to be dealing with, you could be putting your life at risk.

Before purchasing a bulletproof vest, you need to take the time to assess the situation you will be entering. You need to know what you need protection from to be sure that you buy a vest that provides that specific protection. There are [differing levels of protection](#) available to ensure that someone does not go into a situation unprepared. Once you have assessed the level of potential danger that you could be facing, you will then be ready to choose which level of protection is right for you.

#### **Level I**

Level I bulletproof vests offer protection against long rifle nose bullets. This type of body armor is very lightweight to provide maneuverability and ease of motion. It is often used under clothing and offers the minimum amount of protection available.

#### **Level II and Level II-A**

Level II and Level II-A bulletproof vests offer protection from .357 Magnum and 9 mm rounds. These vests are a bit heavier than the Level I vests but that is because they offer more protection. The more protection a vest offers, the heavier it will be because the plate that is used to provide the protection will often be thicker.

#### **Level III**

Level III body armor is a hard body armor. A bulky plate that is heavy and durable is used to provide maximum protection. The plate will absorb impact to provide maximum protection from 7.62 mm M80 rounds and all other lower level threats such as handguns and rifle rounds.

#### **Level IIIA**

Level IIIA body armor is a soft body armor. The armor will reduce the impact that someone feels when they are shot by 9 mm rounds or .44 Magnum rounds. The vests are lightweight for comfort and maneuverability.

#### **Level IV**

Level IV bulletproof vests offer protection from armor-piercing ammunition. This type of body armor is not intended for everyday use. It will provide protection for a single shot. After the armor is hit, the ceramic material of which it is comprised will become brittle and weak. These are ideal for tactical environments and are not useful in highly volatile situations where multiple shots are possible.

Wearing the right bulletproof vest for the situation could mean the difference between life and death. Taking the time to learn which vest is right for the situation that someone is going into is essential, choosing the right [bullet proof vest supplier](#) for you based on your specification is also important. Assuming that any vest will provide enough protection for the situation that someone is going into is not smart. The information that has provided should give someone everything that they need to know to make an informed decision about the right bulletproof vest to fit their needs for the situation they are going into in the future.