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I fell for a home invasion trick

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The guy at my door could've walked in so easily. He could've been inside and hurt my kids so quick.

This is what happened

I got a knock on the door early one afternoon. I thought I was smart so I asked who it was before I opened the door. The guy said "Delivery."

So I open the door, take the package, get the piece of paper to sign ... and the delivery guy pats his pockets and comes up empty. No pen. Then he looks at me expectantly.

Crap, now I have kids in the house and a semi* unknown man at the door, and I have to leave him unattended while I go hunt for a pen? Double crap.

And he wasn't in a standard delivery uniform either. Triple crap.

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What did I do? After due consideration I picked a careful combination of the worst options possible. I told him to hold on, and I went to grab a pen, while walking sideways so I could keep the door in view the whole time.

So what happened in the end? I got the pen, signed the paper and he left.

Then I felt like an idiot. I couldn't believe I'd left somebody I didn't know unattended at my open front door.

What I should have done

Only afterwards did I think of the simplest solution. I should've said "Hang on.", then closed and locked the bloody door while I looked for a pen. Instead I did this weird sideways shuffle to keep the door in sight while trying to get my left eye to watch the door while my right eye scanned the room for a pen.

My redeeming factors

The only good things I have to say about the whole debacle is that my wife had phoned beforehand to tell me there was a delivery on the way. So I was reasonably confident that it was an actual delivery guy.

The other good thing I have to say is that I managed to learn from this, so now I'm better prepared. I got to learn a lesson through experience, not theory, and none of my family got injured in doing so.

Oh, and I now have a pen stuck to the inside of the door.

*- I say "semi" unknown because I had be preconditioned to believe he was who he claimed to be.