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Sub-Chapter C. Protection of Persons:

Sec. 9.31. Self-Defense. (a)

Except as provided in Subsection (b),

<u>a Person is Justified</u> <u>in Using Force against another</u> <u>When</u>

and to the degree

the actor Reasonably Believes
the Force is Immediately Necessary
To Protect the actor
Against
the other's use or attempted use of

Unlawful Force.

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The actor's Belief that the Force was Immediately Necessary

as described by this subsection

<u>Is Presumed</u> to be <u>Reasonable</u> If the actor: ...

(B) <u>Unlawfully</u> and with force Removed, or <u>was Attempting to Remove</u>

unlawfully and with force,

the actor

From the actor's

Habitation, Vehicle, or Place of Business or Employment;

or

(C) <u>Was</u> committing or <u>Attempting to Commit aggravated Kidnapping, Murder,</u>
sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault,
<u>Robbery, or aggravated Robbery;</u>

(2) did not provoke the person against whom the force was used; and (3) was not otherwise engaged in criminal activity, other than a Class C misdemeanor that is a violation of a law or ordinance regulating traffic at the time the force was used.