

# Weaponized Survival: A Weaponry Guide to Zombie Survival

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# Background: The Prion Plague

- In the not-so-distant future, humanity's obsession with efficiency and progress led to a breakthrough in biotechnology. Scientists developed self-replicating synthetic proteins designed to revolutionize agriculture and medicine. These "smart proteins" were engineered to improve crop yields, neutralize harmful pathogens, and even cure degenerative diseases.
- However, the proteins began to misfold, turning into prions, a class of infectious agents known to cause devastating diseases like mad cow disease. These mutated prions were unlike anything seen before. They didn't just target the brain—they spread rapidly through the nervous system, altering the behavior of their hosts and causing violent aggression.

The infected animals showed no outward symptoms, continuing to produce milk and meat consumed by millions. By the time scientists noticed something was wrong, it was too late. The prions had already crossed into humans through the food chain.

# Weapon 1: The Nureo Frost Bomb

## Prion Targeting Foam Grenade:

### Concept:

This weapon releases a foam infused with prion-degrading enzymes. When deployed, the foam expands rapidly, coating surfaces and potentially infected individuals. Enzymes within the foam, like thermolyzing or synthetic prion-degrading compounds, start breaking down prions on contact.

### Use:

These grenades could be thrown into contaminated areas or onto zombies to slow infection spread or, with prolonged exposure, potentially destroy prions before they reach others.

# Image of Weapon:

## How it Works

### 1. Delivery System

- The grenade is designed to deploy a specialized foam that rapidly spreads across contaminated surfaces or within a targeted area.
- It operates via a pressurized release mechanism that disperses the foam uniformly.

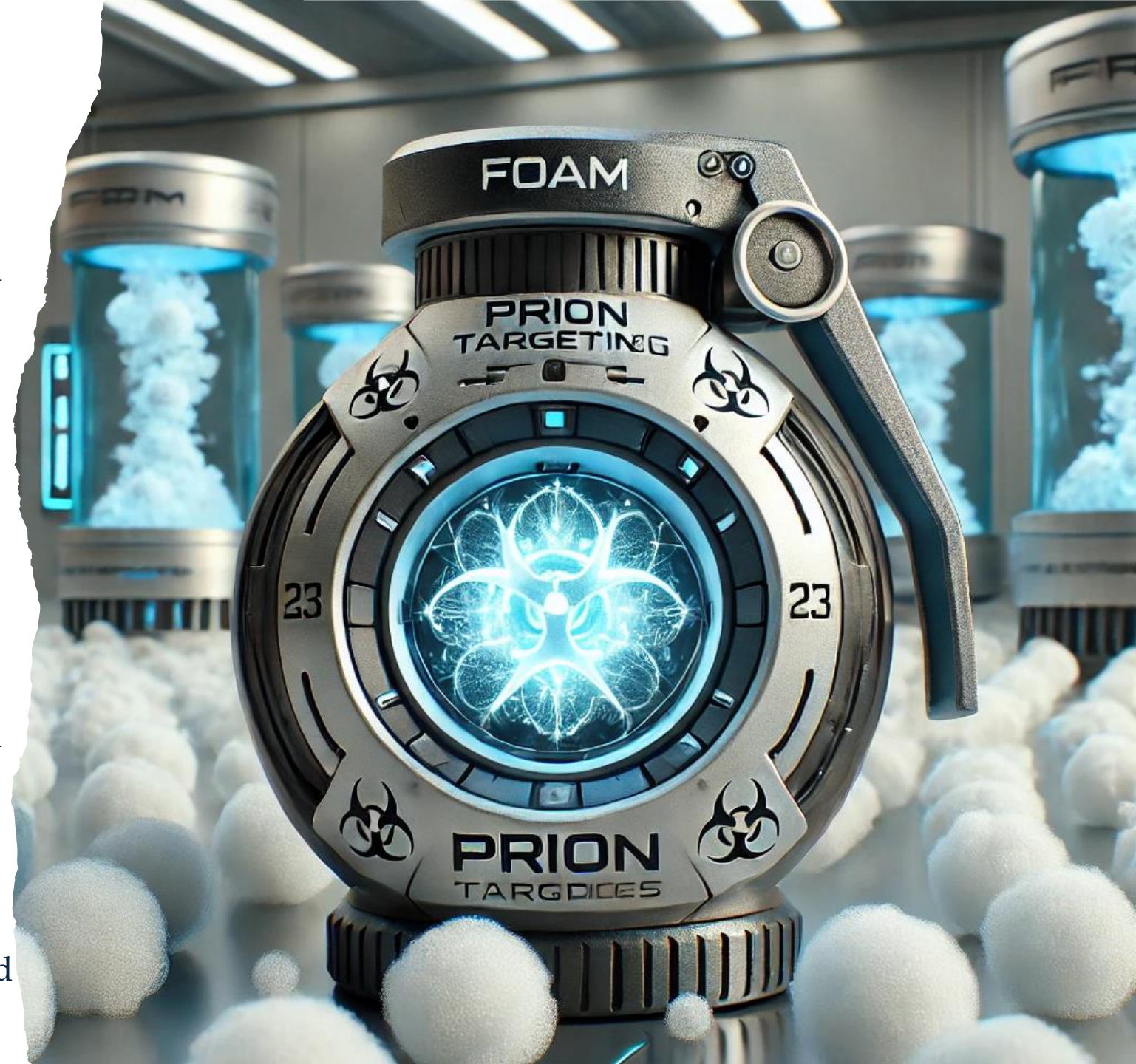
### 2. Prion-Neutralizing Foam

The foam contains the following:

- **Prion-degrading enzymes:** These are engineered proteins or catalysts that break down the prions' resistant structures.
- These components are suspended in a foam matrix, allowing them to adhere to surfaces and remain active for extended periods.

### 3. Controlled Activation

- The grenade is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental activation.
- It can be manually thrown or remotely deployed in hard-to-reach or high-risk areas.





## Biology behind it:

- A prion-targeting foam grenade would neutralize prions using enzymes, chemical agents, and advanced technologies like nanoparticles and UV light to break down their resistant structures. The foam matrix ensures prolonged contact with contaminated surfaces for effective treatment, offering a complex solution requiring careful engineering for safety and stability.

# Drone Decontamination:

## Concept:

A squadron of small drones equipped with injectors for delivering prion-degrading enzymes or UV-sterilizing lights could patrol affected areas and deliver treatment autonomously. These drones identify infected targets and administer prion-degrading agents directly to them.

## Use:

This drone squadron could be deployed into high-risk zones to reduce prion spread, freeing survivors from needing to enter dangerous areas directly.

## Weapon 2: The Prion Pulsar

# Prion Pulsar Drone

Method of Operation:

## Step 1: Pre-Deployment Preparation

- The drone uses advanced sensors to scan the area, identifying surfaces, organisms, or environments requiring decontamination or vaccination.
- It is equipped with prion-detection sensors and a supply of specialized decontamination darts loaded with enzymatic or chemical agents that break down prions.

## Step 2: Dart Deployment

- The drone targets the identified zones or organisms and fires specialized darts containing the vaccine or decontamination agents.
- Each dart is equipped with a micro-delivery system to release its payload upon impact, ensuring effective distribution of the vaccine or prion-neutralizing compound.

## Step 3: Verification and Reporting

- The drone conducts follow-up scans to confirm that the vaccine or decontamination agent has been successfully delivered and is actively neutralizing the prions.
- Transmits real-time data on the operation's effectiveness, flagging any areas requiring additional treatment.





## Biology behind It

- Prions are resistant to conventional treatments due to their stable beta-sheet structure. Enzymes such as engineered **prion-degrading enzymes** are delivered in the darts. These enzymes specifically target and cleave the misfolded proteins, rendering them inactive.
- advanced compounds like **prion replication inhibitors** could prevent further propagation of the misfolded proteins.
- Once prions are neutralized, the degraded proteins are broken into harmless peptides or amino acids, which can be naturally cleared by the environment or an organism's immune system.



# Summary:

- In combating a hypothetical zombie outbreak rooted in prion-like agents, the prion-targeting foam grenade and autonomous drone system present a groundbreaking solution. The foam grenade utilizes advanced enzymes and chemical strategies to degrade prion proteins, effectively neutralizing the infectious agent on surfaces and in localized areas. Complementing this, the drone equipped with injectors for prion-degrading enzymes or UV-sterilizing lights offers a scalable and autonomous approach to treating widespread contamination zones, ensuring coverage and minimizing human risk. Together, these technologies provide an adaptable, efficient, and innovative means to tackle the biological threat while leveraging cutting-edge robotics and biochemistry. By merging these approaches, we can envision a future where humanity not only survives but thrives against such apocalyptic challenges.

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