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Bulletproof Vests

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What

Bullet resistant, wearable, eventually lightweight vest

Why

Need for lightweight body armour that police could wear full-time on duty

When

- 1500s- Italian and Roman royalty (metal body armor)
- 1800s- Japanese (silk armor)
- 1901- (soft-body armor)
- 1960s- Kevlar ballistic fabric



Where

1960s version in United States

Who

National Institute of Justice conducted research program and produced the modern version of bulletproof vest

How

- Discovered new, bulletproof fibers to create fabric (kevlar)
 - Extremely strong, heat resistant
 - Initially created as a replacement for steel in racing tires
- Additional waterproof and durability layers were added
- 95% probability of saving lives

