

# Mafia Wars Strategy Guide

## Keep a Zero Cash Balance

Before going into fights, **always** be sure to **deposit all of your cash into the bank**. Other players can attack you at any time, so it is a good idea to keep a zero cash balance most of the time and especially before signing off. If you don't, other players will fight and rob you. Depositing money does incur a 10% laundering fee but is very little in the scheme of things.

## Fight Often

Before going into fights, research your opponent before pressing the attack button. Just do a quick run through to see how powerful the player is.

- **First**, look at the size of the player's mafia. I always tried to attack players with nearly the same size or smaller mafia as I have because more members means more weapons that will be used against you.
- **Second**, look at the number of jobs, which will give you a sense of the player's experience and how his profile points are distributed - the higher the number, the higher the probability that their attack and defense is strong. I usually attack players with about the same amount of jobs completed or lower.
- **Third**, look at the number of wins and losses that your prospective opponents have. A higher loss to win ratio offers you a better chance of defeating them.
- **Forth**, quickly browse through the player's weapons arsenal. If you see that they have much stronger weapons than you or a large quantity of stronger weapons, it is best not to attack them.
- **Fifth**, look at the player's properties to get an idea of how much money they possess and how much they can be robbed. Gaining money from attacks is good but not always necessary. Winning attacks earns you experience points at a fairly steady pace without wasting any energy. Often times, I will earn a few hundred thousand dollars off of an opponent and then keep earning experience points after they are broke.

Once you find a good candidate to attack, test them out with an attack. If you lose the first fight, move on to another player to attack. If you win the first attack, take advantage of it and repeatedly attacked them until you are out of stamina or you lose a fight. It's unrealistic but,

mafia wars lets me win repeated attacks on a player and then suddenly gives me a loss; I haven't figured out why.

If you keep winning attacks against a player and you run out of health points, keep the

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attack window open until you earn more health points. I usually open a new window or tab to the game where I can restore my health and deposit money or do jobs without interfering with the player that I want to keep attacking. Once you earn enough stamina or restore your health, go back to attacking the player until you lose. One other thing I learned about the health points is that you can pay the doctor to restore your health with the money that is in your bank account, so there's no need to keep money at all in the cash box.

Create an attack list of those members that you have attacked and beaten. This way you can go back and attack them again in the future, knowing that they are probably beatable again to you. Using Mafia wars, you can't just keep track of them or look them up later, at least not to my knowledge. Instead, right click on the name of the member and copy the link location. When you're ready to attack again, simply paste the link location to the member's profile into the navigation bar of your browser.

One warning, though, is that there's always the chance of the members, we have attacked repeatedly, will seek revenge at some point. Either they will grow stronger and attack you later or they can put a hit out on you using the hit list and get other stronger members to take you out. You need to weigh the factors involved and, whatever you do, try not to get a really, really stronger member mad at you!

### **Use Your Profile Points as Soon as Possible**

As soon as you master a job or level up and earn profile points, use them to increase your strength of attack and defense, which will help you immediately in fights. The more fights you win, the faster you will earn experience points and level up. Round and round it goes like a circle. Sometimes I level up so fast, I feel like I am flying!

### **Properties**

In the first 10 or so levels, don't think too big with properties. You should focus on Mafia Mike's, Rent Houses, and Italian Restaurants. Mafia Mike's should be your focus in the beginning because they earn the most at a relatively low price. Note that Mafia Mike's

requires a certain number of mafia members to buy more than one. After the first one, each consecutive one requires two more members. I have 24 members and 9 Mafia Mike's, so it earns me \$108,000 each hour.

Once you get past level 10 and earning a few hundred thousand dollars an hour, then you can start buying bigger properties, such as the Apartment Complex and Valu-Mart.

When you start earning close to \$1 million an hour, then you can start taking on the bigger properties, such as the Marina Tourist Shops.

Finally, when you start earning over \$1 million an hour, that you can start saving up for the biggest properties, such as the Office Building, 5-Star Hotel, and Mega Casino.

One piece of advice, if you want to save money buying properties, is that if you buy them in quantity, each property will be the same price. If you buy one at a time, the price will

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incrementally increase.

One concern to think about is that your properties will be attacked, so you will need to buy protection. If it is attacked and the health goes down below 100%, it will start earning less and less money each hour. I try to keep all my property at 120% health. In the game's latest update, the exact level of protection can no longer be seen; you can only see the shields and whether or not your properties are at 100% or lower. I am not sure if this feature will be changed back to the way it was but, I preferred it the way it was previously.

### Energy Packs

When a member of your mafia sends you an energy pak, do not immediately use it. Look at your current energy level to see where it is at at the moment. If it is low, like around 10 or less, you should use the energy pak right away before your energy refills again. If your energy level is high, like above 10, 20 or higher, do a few jobs to use up your energy until it is below 10 or less, before using the energy pak. Why do this? Simple. As soon as you use an energy pak, your energy will be boosted to its maximum +25%, no matter the energy level before using it. By using up your current energy and then using your energy pak, you will get twice as many jobs done. If your current energy level is, say 50, and you use an energy pak, that is 50 points wasted.

Be courteous with your energy paks. When a member sends you an energy pak, you should use it and then send everyone an energy pak. Even if no one sent you an energy pak, you should send them to your members and some of them may send you an energy pak back in return.

### Leveling Up

Leveling up is always fun because it brings you full health, energy, stamina and profile points but, you should use careful planning before leveling up. Always keep note of how close you are to leveling up. Once you get within, like 50 experience points away from leveling up, you should

use strategy to reap the most benefits of the next level. As soon as you level up, all of your attribute levels will be replenished, so it is a good idea to get your attribute levels, especially the energy, as low as possible before leveling up because, by using them up first, you are, in essence, getting twice as much done due to the fact that the levels will be replenished as soon as you level up.

If you have a lot of energy left before leveling up, take a few big jobs with a lot of experience points because they will use your energy quickly while bringing you a lot of experience points. Watch how close you are to leveling up, so that you don't use a small amount of energy to bring you a little amount of experience points but enough to level up. You do not want to level up with a job that only earns you enough experience points to level up, while leaving you with a lot of energy that is wasted because your energy will only be refilled enough to fill it to the maximum.

If you have a little amount of energy left and are very close to leveling up, you can always

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attack other members to nudge you to the next level to replenish everything.

Before leveling up, I try to get as many jobs and fights done as possible. This way, I use up all of the health, energy and stamina that I have and then level up to do it all over again. It is like getting twice as much done.

### **Getting Attacked**

Other members can attack you even when you are not logged in to the game. This is to be expected. But, for revenge or another reason, some members will target you because they see you as weaker or richer. This is not usually a problem when the other member is almost even with use strength-wise. It becomes a major problem when the other member, while being at nearly the same level, has more money, weapons or a lot of strong members in their mafia. They can attack you at will, as much as they want.

I had one such member attack me last week. He robbed my properties dozens and dozens of times. I lost about \$60 million preparing and protecting my casinos because he kept attacking and attacking.

What can you do when a member keeps attacking and robbing you? You can wait for them to get bored with you or you can be pro-active. There are two ways that I found to combat the situation. The first is to add the member to the hit list with a sizable bounty and hope that a really

stronger member attacks your enemy. However, if this does not work and you keep getting attacked, the last resort is to sell off your properties, especially the big ones, and wait a few days for your enemy to get bored with you and move on. You can always buy your properties again; it is just a minor setback.

When you get stronger and gain more members, you can always go back and enact revenge on the person that repeatedly attacked you. Copy and save the link location to this member for future use. At least, that is what I would do but, I am a very vengeful person! Muhaha!

## **Strategy Guide Part 2**

### **Add Members to Your Mafia**

In the beginning, you can invite your friends to be members in your mafia. A small handful will join your mafia but that is not enough. You need a large mafia if you expect to be in any condition to attack larger mafias later on in the game. So, you need to look elsewhere for members, especially strong members because they will help you a lot in fights.

You can find members on countless groups, on and off of Facebook, dedicated to mafia wars. I know what you're thinking, that you do not want strangers to be on your friends list. This is a legitimate concern but, one trick is that, once they become your friend and join your mafia, you can delete them from your friends list. They will remain a member of your mafia, regardless of their being on your friends list.

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When I went to invite a lot of members to my mafia, I posted a comment on the front page of each group. I asked for people to join my mafia and a lot of them did. The comments will accumulate fast on each group and your comment will be quickly pushed to another page, where it will not be seen as much, so you want to post a comment occasionally for new members to see and join your mafia. Do not overdo it or you will be labeled a troll or spammer and most likely booted from the group. You can also add members, who are requesting mafia members, to your friends list.

Once they are on your friends list or you are on their list, either one of you can send an invite to the other to join each other's mafia. If either of you run out of invites for the day, keep them as friends and invite them another day.

After they are on your mafia list, you can delete them as a friend. One complication with this is keeping track of who is friend and who is just there for the game. What I did was label purely mafia people as mafia and then, after adding them to my friends list and mafia, I could open up

the friends list to the label for mafia members and quickly delete them. If you are planning on adding a lot of real friends to your friends list, it's probably best to hold off on mass inviting purely mafia members to your friends list for a few days or everyone will get mixed together quickly and it will take a lot of work to delete those people that are not your friends.

### Banking Money:

As a LVL 370 player, I can say you should stop banking money as soon as the amount you lose is less than the bank's charge. If you are losing \$1 million per day from attacks, and you earn \$10 million+, then don't bank the money. Simple economics. The fact is, this point is reached pretty quickly. If your property is earning \$1mil+ per hour, and you are doing jobs or robberies, you are past the point of paying the bank charges—or you are losing too many fights and/or staying on the hitlist too much ;) On lower levels, spend your stamina, but focus on doing jobs and adding to your skill points. As a comparison, I have \$88 billion in cash right now, my property earns \$100 million+ per hour, and I am over 1,000 Mafia Mike's behind in buying because I simply don't have time and don't care. Jobs on Boss level pay \$20-30 million per click...

### Combat calculations:

There's an excellent thread here: <http://mafia-wars.org/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=216>, started by someone who has determined the basic formula used in fights. He also has a "combat calculator" online that will tell you how your equipment and stats compare to average for your level (<http://www.mafia-wars.info/index.php>). MW does NOT in my opinion calculate fights the way I would expect. For instance, the equipment chosen when you attack is also the same used for defense in that same fight, and the ATK and DEF values of each item are simply added, rather than your best defense weapons being used for the defense side of the equation. That means... an AR-15 is \*worse\* to have than a Midas Knife, because the total ATK+DEF is lower. What you want to have is 501 of the best \*total\* value weapon, though you can't always because MW will still choose the AR-15's first. Just don't loot them on purpose, so you get as few of them as possible in front of your better weapons. You also do this on the defense side,

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right? Even though Private Jets give 30 defense, they are worse than Armored Limousines in total value.

Also, your Attack and Defense skill points are simply added together and that total used in calculating your strength, whether you are attacking or defending. While someday it may make a difference, today putting points in either one has the same effect.

### **Energy vs. Attack/Defense:**

I'm the impatient type, so I quickly tired of waiting for regeneration of Energy. How to solve it? Do the Godfather deals, or even buy some points. About 200 extra is what I needed, somewhere around Hitman, to be able to level continuously without running out of Energy, after having put most of my points into Energy already. Your equipment is a bigger factor in fights at low levels. That changes as you go up, primarily because other players have a lot of skill points in Atk/Def, but also because the combat calculations make it so. By the time you reach very high levels of Atk/Def points, equipment represents only 5-10% of your strength, if that. But you can put those points in later.

The tough work is mastering all the levels, especially Underboss and Boss. You will need LOTS of Energy to do so. 3rd level Mastery of one job on those two levels takes 100 clicks, as each job done only gives you 1% toward mastery. And some of those jobs require items like Blackmail Photos, which in turn require Concealed Cameras... you get the picture. It won't just be 100 clicks, but probably 400-500 to master one job at level 3 by the time you get enough of the items necessary.

### **Fights - Who and How to Attack:**

I still lose sometimes by being put on the hitlist—there's always a bigger fish. So most of the time, unless I'm doing revenge for someone, I go down the fight list and hit everyone once, except those with clan tags (it's just a distraction to have a whole hit team disrupt my play). I still get hitlisted occasionally for only one attack, but it's rare. I use up stamina down to a certain level, then refill health. It's calculated to spend all my stamina and health at the same time, so when I'm done fighting, I'm under 20 health (as Mike describes). Very few people's attention lasts more than a few minutes on an attacker, so if I'm already "dead", they move on to something else.

If you are still at low levels, pick people with fewer mafia than you, of course, to attack. At lvl 370, I don't even look at the numbers anymore, just go down the list skipping clans, and I win 85-90% of my fights, nearly all loses to "critical hits". I've also used the calculator and formula linked above to improve my strength (and I assume my win ratio is because the others haven't done that).

### **Mastering Levels vs. Looting Items:**

For some reason, before knowing the difficulty of mastering Underboss and Boss, I decided after unlocking those levels to not master them immediately but to just do jobs to loot the best equipment for awhile. That really paid off. I just pounded the jobs that gave me AR-15's (though see my earlier mentioned, later learned mistake there), Humvees, Private Jets, Armored Limousines, etc, for a long time, upgrading my mafia's equipment. That really helped my win ratio in fights. More importantly maybe, I moved up over 100 levels, getting 5 skill points every

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time, plus spent all my Godfather reward points buying skill points. My energy was already over 1,800 by the time I started mastering those levels, and it helped a lot.

## Strategy Guide Part 3

- 1. Everytime you fight as someone's CAPO you get 3 experience points and a piece of the \$. The more people you have in your family the better the odds of being a CAPO in a fight. As we all know, the only way to level up is by gaining experience points.

So keep growing your mafia people. You are going to need the help to level up.

- 2. Building your Arsenal

It is very important that you equip yourself with the very best Weapons, Defenses, and Vehicles; that is, the ones with the highest attack and defense numbers. You can do this in a number of ways, Jobs that give you special loot, Fighting that allows you to pick up dropped loot, and buying the special loot items as they are offered. I suggest staying away from using Godfather points to buy the "Special Crates". Those points are too valuable. The fastest way to get better stuff is Buying the Special Loot as it is offered.

- 3. Promoting memebbers to positions within your mafia:

The answer is that each of these postions requires a unique character type:

They must be a Fearless, Maniac, and Mogul...repectively.

Just make sure the character type matches for these three positions.

Below is the official release from the developers:

- **Mastermind** – Choose the member with the most jobs completed and promote the best member to Mastermind for increased experience points when doing jobs.
- **Wheelman** –Choose the member with the highest level, find and promote the best member with the Fearless character type to Wheelman for reduced energy cost on jobs.
- **Button Man** – Choose the member with the highest level, find and promote the best member with the Maniac character type to Button Man for an increase in Attack.
- **Bodyguard** – Choose the member with the most fights won and promote the best member to Bodyguard for an increase in Defense.
- **Safecracker** – Choose the member with the most successful heists and promote the best member to Safecracker for increased money from fighting and robbing.
- **Bagman** – Choose the member with the highest level, find and promote the best

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member with Mogul character type to Bagman for increased money from jobs.

- 4. Today's tip is about job mastery. Some people are wondering what they get for this momentous feat. Below are the rewards and what they are worth. Just as it takes more energy to go from one level to the next as you climb the organized crime ladder, it takes even more energy to master the upper levels. Some jobs must be done 200 times just to master them. Good luck!

#### Job Mastery Items

Street Thug - Pistol Bayonet: +4% Damage dealt in fights  
Associate - Bugatti: -7% Damage taken in fights  
Soldier - Golden Skull: 30 second reduction health regen timer  
Enforcer - Money Plate: 5% Discount on property purchases  
Hitman - Chainsaw Bayonet: 30 second reduction Stamina regen timer  
Capo - State Senator: 5% discount on property repairs  
Consigliere - Helicopter: 30 second reduction energy regen timer  
Underboss - Private Island: 5% bonus on job experience  
Boss - Golden Throne: 2x the energy regenerated per regen period

- 5. Below is a complete list of items and where/how to get them:

LOOTED ITEMS: Weapons, Armours, Vehicles, Special Loots !!!

Here are the list of jobs and loots.

\*\*\* Note: Job - Item [Attack, Defense, Type]\*\*\*

#### Beginner (lvl 0)

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Introduction to Game - Revolver [3, 2, weapon]

#### Street Thug (lvls 1 - 4)

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Boss: Confront Giancarlo Morillo - Blackmail Letter [Boss Trophy]

-Received by defeating Giancarlo MorilloBoss

-Required to get next job category

Beat Up Rival Gangster - .22 Pistol [2, 0 weapon]

Rob a Pimp - 9mm Semi-Automatic [3, 2 weapon]

#### Associate (lvls 5 - 8)

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Boss: Confront Detective West - Badge [Boss Trophy]

-Received by defeating Detective West

-Required to get next job category

Collect Protection Money - Butterfly Knife [2, 1 weapon]

Rough Up Dealers - Brass Knuckles [2, 2 weapon]

Take Out a Rogue Cop - .45 Revolver [3, 2 weapon]

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Perform a Hit - Tactical Shotgun [3, 2 weapon]

Soldier (lvls 9 - 12)

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Boss: Confront Luis Castana - Pair of Broken Glasses [Boss Trophy]

-Received by defeating Luis Castana

-Required to get next job category

\*\*\* Get special collection items here - Sculptures and Poker Chips \*\*\*

Destroy Enemy Mob Hideout - C4 [5, 2 weapon]

Kill a Protected Snitch - Stab-Proof Vest [2, 5 armor]

Bust a Made Man Out of Prison - Automatic Rifle [4, 4 weapon]

Fight a Haitian Gang - Semi-Automatic Shotgun [5, 4 weapon]

Clip the Irish Mob's Local Enforcer - Lucky Shamrock Medallion [1, 7 armor]

Steal a Tanker Truck - Firebomb [4, 2 weapon] and Semi-Automatic Shotgun [5, 4 weapon]

Enforcer (lvls 13 - 17)

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Boss: Confront Warrant Officer McDonald - Military ID [Boss Trophy]

-Received by defeating Warrant Officer McDonald

-Required to get next job category

\*\*\* Get special collection items here – Cigars \*\*\*

Smuggle Across the Border - Armoured Truck [8, 4 vehicle]

Rob an Electronics Store - Computer Set-Up, Concealable Camera, and Untraceable Cell Phone (Special Loots)

Hitman (lvls 18 - 24)

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\*\*\* Get special collection items here – Rings \*\*\*

Repel the Yakuza - Grenade Launcher [14, 10 weapon]

Disrupt Rival Smuggling Ring - .50 Caliber Rifle [16, 11 weapon]

Invade Tong-controlled Neighborhood - Armored Car [14, 15 vehicle]

Sell Guns to the Russian Mob - RPG Launcher [20, 12 weapon]

Protect your City against a Rival Family - Bodyguards [8, 25 armor]

Assassinate a Political Figure - Night Vision Goggles [5, 16 armor]

Exterminate a Rival Family - Napalm [25, 9 weapon]

Obtain Compromising Photos - Blackmail Photos (Special Loots)

Capo (lvls 25 - 34)

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\*\*\* Get special collection items here – Paintings \*\*\*

Steal an Air Freight Delivery - Prop Plane [5, 20 vehicle]

Run a Biker Gang Out of Town - Harley Davidson "Fat Boy" Motorcycle [18, 6 vehicle]

Steal Bank Records - Illegal Transaction Records (Special Loots)

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Consigliere (lvls 35 - 59)

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Influence a Harbor Official - Luxery Boat [10, 20, vehicle]  
Ransom a Businessman's Kids - Porche 911 [20, 14 vehicle]  
Fix the Big Game - Bookie's Holdout Pistol [24, 12 weapon]

Underboss (lvls 60 - 99)

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Break Into the Armory - Humvee [26, 22 vehicle]  
Rip Off the Armenian Mob - AR-15 Assault Rifle [32, 10 weapon]  
Take Over an Identity Theft Ring - Falsified Documents [2, 30 armor]

Boss (lvls 100+)

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Buy Off a Federal Agent - Federal Agent [15, 25 armor]  
Make a Deal with the Mexican Cartel - Private Jet [12, 38 vehcile]  
Blackmail the District Attorney - Police Cruiser [22, 28 vehicle]  
Shake Down a City Council Member - Armoured Limosine [16, 36 vehicle]

Special Collection Items

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\*\*\* When you loot these you can find them at your "Collection" section as part of your Inventory. If you collect all the required group items, you can add them to your "Vault" and get special stats bonus!

Cigars = Ebony, Sky, Rose, Ivory, Turquoise, Gold, Royal = +2 energy  
Rings = Topaz, Opal, Amethyst, Emerald, Sapphire, Ruby, Diamond = +5 defence  
Paintings = Warhol, Cezanne, Matisse, Rembrandt, Dali, Monet, Van Gough = +6 energy  
Poker Chips = White, Brown, Red, Blue, Green, Purple, Gold = +6 energy  
Sculptures = Rat, Sheep, Rooster, Monkey, Tiger, Snake, Dragon = +3 defence

\* I do not think you can loot these items through fighting (not sure).

\* But, you can always loot other good items through Fighting!

SPECIAL GIFTS

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\*\*\* Received at random time of the year (New Year, Christmas etc.) \*\*\*

- Bottle of Champagne
- Cognac
- Cuban Cigars
- Diamond Necklace
- Gold Rolex
- High Def TV
- Silk Armani Suit

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Limited Edition Items:

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Stolen Mail Truck [10, 20, vehicle] - Limited Edition Loot (verify e-mail)

Bonus Weapon [20, 20, weapon]. - Inventory (Level 100+)

Bloody Chainsaws [18, 16, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Car Bomb [18, 16, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Combat Knife [22, 21, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Desert Eagle [22, 11, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

AK-47 [22, 21, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Light Anti Tank Weapon [22, 21, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Meat Cleaver [22, 21, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Propane Bomb [22, 21, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Mini Uzi [23, 22, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Gold-Plated Magnums [??, ??, weapon] - Limited Edition Loot

Bloody Horsehead [??, ??, ??] - Limited Edition Loot

Cattle Prod [??, ??, ??] - Limited Edition Loot

Gas Mask [8, 20, armor] - Limited Edition Loot

Armed Guards [8, 25, armor] - Limited Edition Loot

Bulletproof Trenchcoat [10, 25, armor] - Limited Edition Loot

Body Double [10, 25, armor] - Limited Edition Loot

Escalade [16, 16, vehicle] - Limited Edition Loot

\*\*\* Limited Edition Loots are offered by the "God Father"

Consumables

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\* Consumables are used to help you win against Bosses

- Getaway Driver : The getaway driver let you escape with no penalty
- Health Kit : The health kit heals you for 20-30 health
- Shiv : The shiv does instant light damage to your enemy
- Stun Gun : The stun gun stuns the enemy allowing for a free attack

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- **6.** Tip is for the lower level people and the hitlist. If you are below 50, my advice is to stay away from attacking people on the hitlist. Especially if they are Master Capo or above.

I get put on the hit list all the time and actually enjoy it because, the lower level people try to take me out and I get experience points from it. Maybe 200-300 per day in fact. I know it is fun when you get the message that you earned the \$ for getting a lucky shot in taking the higher level guy out, but here is what i do when I have someone repeatedly try to take me out and loses the battles:

I immediately attack them until they are too weak to fight or dead and then go wipe out ALL of their properties. Was it really worth it to get that hit? If

so, happy hunting, if not, consider yourself forewarned.

Also when there is a clan war, do NOT hitlist the enemy! You're doing the a favor.

- **7.** This usefull tool comes to you courtesy of the Bill Harris a.k.a Underboss '[M.W.A.] Big Rocks Willy. ( YEAH AND HE GOT THAT FROM ME LOL )

For all of you needing an energy pak this is all you need.. You can't use the energy pak any sooner than you normally could... but it saves you having to wait for someone to send. plus if you visit now you can see how long you have to wait!

[http://apps.facebook.com/inthefafia/index.php?xw\\_controller=index&xw\\_action=use\\_and\\_energy\\_all](http://apps.facebook.com/inthefafia/index.php?xw_controller=index&xw_action=use_and_energy_all)

- **8.** We all know the fastest way to Level Up is to do jobs. The biggest bang for your buck, i.e. the most Experience for the least energy, is the Bank Heist. And if you have the right people in your Top Mafia Mastermind and Wheelman slots, you will get even more. You also need to have mastered Underboss which gives you +5 experience. But that is for every job.

- **9.** Set Your Attack to 2 x your level (or more)

Set your Defend to 1.8 x your level (or more)

example When you are in level 50

Set attack to 100 - 105

Set defend to 90 - 95

You will get more win and money if get attacked.

nice tip - completed Master street tug and Master Associate you'll more strong then before. try it!!!

- **10.** If you buy properties, buy them IN BULK!

For example, a Casino costs \$40M when you start out. But that's only for the first one. The second casino costs \$42M. The third costs \$44M, and so on and

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so on.

So if you buy ten casinos onese-y-twose-y, then they wind up costing you  $40+42+44+46+48+50+52+54+56+58= 436M$

But if you buy ten casinos all AT ONCE, it costs you  $\$40M \times 10 = 400M$ . You just saved yourself a cool 36M!

Same thing goes for the base properties (abandoned lots, downtown lots, etc). That first downtown lot costs \$1M. But the second 1.1, the third 1.2, etc. So for ten casinos, buying the ten downtown lots onese-y-twose-y will cost you 14.5M, vs. 10M if you bought them all at once.

When you combine buying the lots in bulk with buying the buildings on bulk, you wind up saving 10% of the purchase price when you buy in groups of ten! Not too shabby!

- **11.** You either buy as much properties as you can or don't buy at all (except Mafia Mikes), because the more properties you have the in stack, the harder they are to rob!

Also buy, buy, buy as many of the Special Loot items as you can. Here's why:

We use completely different items to defend ourselves than to attack with.

Here is what Rick attacked with:

Your Mafia of 501 fought against XXXX with 144 AR-15 Assault Rifles, 128 Gold Desert Eagles, 229 Napalms, 429 A Pint o' Green Beers, 72 Federal Agents, 76 Humvees, 84 Police Cruisers, 74 Porsche 911s, 83 Harley Davidson "Fat Boy" Motorcycles, 70 Armored Limousines, an Escalade, 104 Armored Cars, and 9 Private Jets.

Here is what I defend myself with:

[M.W.A.] Rigatoni Rick's Mafia of 501 fought with 64 Sub Machine Guns, 126 Police Batons, 305 Mini Uzis, 6 Poison Gas Grenades, 433 Half Dollar Body Armors, 68 Falsified Documents, 76 Humvees, 84 Police Cruisers, 70 Armored Limousines, 74 Private Jets, 38 Chrome Skylines, a Stolen Mail Truck, 69 Luxury Yachts, and 89 Prop planes.

I made a mistake by not buying many of the Poison gas when it was offered. I thought I had stronger weapons already because I didn't see them when I fought. As you can see, I bought a lot of the Half Dollar Body Armor and it is my number one defensive item. The game is going to take the items with the highest attack value when you attack someone, and the items with the highest defense value when you are attacked.

- **12.** I have heard many complaints through Facebook that they wanted to get all the Vault Collections for Mafia Wars, but never got them all.

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At the Job levels of Capo it can take a while to get them all.  
Or perhaps even the Soldier levels, considering you have a double set.

Currently the sets are:

Quote:

\* Cigars: Levels 13-17 (Enforcer):

Ebony, Sky, Rose, Ivory, Turquoise, Gold, Royal

\* Rings: Levels 18-24 (Hitman):

Topaz, Opal, Amethyst, Emerald, Sapphire, Ruby, Diamond

\* Paintings: Levels 25-34 (Capo):

Warhol, Cezanne, Matisse, Rembrandt, Dali, Monet, Van Gough

\* Poker Chips 9-12 (Soldier):

White, Brown, Red, Blue, Green, Purple, Gold

\* Sculptures: Levels 9-12 (Soldier):

Rat, Sheep, Rooster, Monkey, Tiger, Snake, Dragon

These can take quite some time to gather, if you need to spend 60 energy on a single job. Well, the trick I found can help you gather them all with a significant amount of energy less needed.

What you do is finish the very first job which gives extra items. The one with only a requirement of 2 energy and a bat.

Then right-click on the tab of any other level (Being the level of the Set you want, mentioned above).

Select "Open in a New Tab". This'll open a new tab with the requested job level opened, ignore it (or close it).

You'll probably have noticed the small window that appeared when doing that first job saying what you gained, spent, etc...? Well, that window also contains a "Do this Job again" button.

Press that button.

You'll do the job again, but this time the background tab will be the one of the one you opened in a new tab.

Now you can keep clicking the "Do this Job again" button as much as you want, and you'll gain the Set items from that background joblist!

Thus you spend a mere 2 energy per job making you able to do many a jobs more.

Summary:

Do the first job.

Open Job tab in new window.

Do first job through "Do this Job again" button, as much as needed.

- **13.** Often when there are few people on the list, you will do much of the damage just to have someone else come in and deal the final death blow... no kill... no bounty.

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What I do is glance at the list quickly... leave the people on over 1 minute alone....instead of hitting the target at the top....I hit the bottom target on for 0 minutes and work up the list from there....

this allows for a complete kill if the list was moving fast, and it allows you to be the one who sneaks in the death blow as U move up the list.

- **14.** Follow this link for the special items:  
[http://apps.facebook.com/inthefamafia/remote/html\\_server.php?xw\\_controller=index&xw\\_action=buy\\_vloot](http://apps.facebook.com/inthefamafia/remote/html_server.php?xw_controller=index&xw_action=buy_vloot)

- **15.** Test how strong your Mafia Wars character are;  
<http://www.mafia-wars.info/>  
Cut and paste the results from your Fight Screen and enter your Attack/Defence stats & Level.

- **16.** Time till you can level calculator (NEW)  
<http://www.divshare.com/download/6972911-9a6>

- **17.** The link below will tell you how many EXP points that you have made from other people fighting in your Mafia.

[http://mwdirectfb10.zynga.com/mwfb/track.php?uid=1660760532&code=11&value=%7B%22from%22%3A642934291%2C%22value%22%3A%22notif\\_socialfightwin\\_clk%22%7D&next\\_controller=index&next\\_action=social\\_fight\\_reward](http://mwdirectfb10.zynga.com/mwfb/track.php?uid=1660760532&code=11&value=%7B%22from%22%3A642934291%2C%22value%22%3A%22notif_socialfightwin_clk%22%7D&next_controller=index&next_action=social_fight_reward)

- **18.** You can use mafia wars ID to pull up their FB profile.. same numbers or you actually go here to <http://helgo.net/simon/mafia/>

much easier... it has mafia war buttons that you can drag and drop into your bookmarks and it allows you to switch to someones facebook page if your on their mafia wars page, or vise versa. It also offers alot of other useful buttons. Now people.. Imagine what happens when you use this tehniqe in combination with the "Top Mafia (Leaderboards)", where you can visit the profiles of the Top Families - that's right, you can ADD THEM IN YOUR MAFIA!!!!!!

- **19.** are you tired of people sending or accepting friend request and then either not clicking your status message to join your family or ignoring your invite?

you can hijack them in.

just go to their profile and paste this

[http://apps.facebook.com/inthefamafia/status\\_invite.php?from=](http://apps.facebook.com/inthefamafia/status_invite.php?from=)

in front of their member number. then delete anything that might be behind the digits and hit enter. they're now in your family. after you are navigated to your mafia wars home page, you can click on the number of people in your family and you'll see it go up by one.

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- **20.** I've addressed this in other discussions, but I think I need to expound on Bill's post above. If you attack someone and don't see the ATTACK button come up, that means they are too weak to fight. If you have to click on their name to attack them again, they don't feel it or know it. Even if you win money from them, it does not come from them. Zynga changed this because it was too hard to find someone to fight and subsequently people used less Stamina which cost them money.

Bottom line, if you want the person to know you are attacking them, use the attack button. If it isn't there, move on to someone where it is there.

- **21.** If someone sends an item to you from a collection level that has not yet opened for you, it opens it and others can send you the rest you need to finish it...

- **22.** <http://userscripts.org/scripts/show/43573> <- Use it at your own risk.. It also works only on Firefox I think. I found about this today and not sure if I dare to use it, lol. Also if you will decide to use this, add as many clan tags as you can/know of - esp our tag, so you don't hit anyone from your own family.

- **23.** It seems that Zynga is again trying figure out new and improved ways to generate revenue (bless those accountants' hearts). They just reduced the Bonus for Mastermind and Wheelman to 11%. That mean more energy expended to get less Experience points - a double Whammy.

- So now the very best ratio job is at the Associate Tier: Bank Heist. If you have mastered the Underboss level it costs 8 energy to get 17 experience which is 2.125 ratio. Also If you will use tip 21, you might want to remember this when customising the settings.

- **24.** Instead of buying crates or offered special items with gift points consider buying the "4 skill upgrade points" or just "refill your energy" offer. The last one I think many underestimate. Why? Well it's true that if you buy "4 skill upgrade points" you will be the toughest among YOUR level, but if you want to grow faster and maybe even have a lot of energy for your level, than you shuld definitely consider the energy refill, you get 5 skill upgrade points when you level, 1 for each job you master and you can take more mobsters from your family when you go robing.. Also the refill costs 4 godfather poins LESS, on the long run this can mount quite a lot.

## TIPS

When it comes to buying properties, besides buying in bulk, try to avoid hotels and casinos even if u can afford to buy in bulk. people love to aim beginners because 1) you do not have the ability to fight back or revenge. 2) putting some pros on hitlist are precisely what they want. 3) you would wan to avoid getting ur link/URL copied and pasted on a forum for being a fat goose for everyone to rob. hotels and casinos are only recommended after you get a very good base income. like at least 30 of each property before ur first hotel or after you build up your mafia and firepower.

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When robbing do be patient. Keep refreshing the list for low leveled single digit mafia with hotels and casinos. Don't push your luck by testing the water of people higher leveled with more mafia or slightly lesser mafia ( pls.. common sense.. ) Remember to copy their URL somewhere so that u can always continue to rob them. Also try to get ppl who has mass number of casinos so that u can keep clicking rob him again and again and again. Saves time and effort looking for a new person when you put him out of business and you still have remaining stamina points.

Do not skip job tiers. That's a given. No point being a hitman when you haven't even mastered street thug. And try not to jump between different jobs in that particular job tier. Eg. U got 4 energy and u want to do both 3 energy and 1 energy job. It's recommended to just do the 3 energy job and wait for the regen. ( Unless u are gonna afk more than 3-4 hours )

A slightly cheap tactic for getting max stats in ur top mafia for beginners. U go to ur top mafia page and right click on " promote " and paste the URL somewhere. ( it doesn't matter who. ) you would see a series of numbers at the end denoting the person's ID. Go to the leaderboards and get the most high leveled/most job done/most fights won and right click on their names and copy their URLs too. It would also have a series of numbers at the end. Replace the numbers from the 2nd URL into the 1st URL ( the one u copied at "promote" ) in other words u replaced the ID of ur friend with the person u want and u can promote someone from the leaderboards to ur top mafia without him even being your friend.