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dis·arm  (dĭs-ärm)

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v. **dis·armed**, **dis·arm·ing**, **dis·arms**

v.*tr.*

1.

a. To divest of a weapon or weapons.

b. To deprive of the means of attack or defense; render harmless: *"Have the courage to appear poor, and you disarm poverty of its sharpest sting" (Washington Irving).*

2.

a. To overcome or allay the suspicion, hostility, or antagonism of.

b. To win the confidence of.

v.*intr.*

1. To lay down arms.

2. To reduce or abolish armed forces.

[Middle English *disarmen*, from Old French *desarmer* : *des-*, *dis-* + *armer*, to arm (from Latin *armāre*, from *arma*, weapons; see **ar-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

dis·arm er *n.*

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