

GAMER GUIDE

RESIDENT EVIL REQUIEM EDITION



A spoiler-free survivalist guide to the zombie apocalypse.

WHAT IS RESIDENT EVIL REQUIEM?

Dubbed the most immersive experience in the iconic horror franchise to date, Resident Evil Requiem was developed and published by CAPCOM. It is the ninth mainly entry in the franchise. The game released on 27 February 2026 for PC, Xbox Series X/S, PlayStation 5, and Nintendo Switch 2.

Launching the new era of survival horror, Resident Evil Requiem features a dual protagonist setup, creating a nail-biting experience that remains fresh throughout the 12-hour campaign. Completionists can get roughly 35 to 40 hours out of the game, pushing themselves to find every collectable, or attempt to beat the game on Insanity difficulty, which unlocks after first completing the main story.

You'll play as FBI analyst Grace Ashcroft in a slower-paced survival horror experience, and as series veteran agent Leon S. Kennedy, in a fast-paced, combat-oriented approach. There's both a third and first-person perspective, as the two protagonists converge on an abandoned hotel in the Midwest.

It's requiem for the dead, and a nightmare for the living. To survive Raccoon City, gamers might need some guidance. That's where our comprehensive Gamer Guide to Resident Evil Requiem slots in.

We'll first introduce the two protagonists and their unique gameplay styles, crafting, and upgrade paths. Avoiding any serious spoilers, we'll explain how the game's mechanics work, outline all the available weapons, and share Safe Codes so you can easily get the loot needed for survival.

For the sake of keeping this guide relatively spoiler-free, we won't discuss how to defeat the different bosses or reveal specific enemies/characters. Instead, we'll finish off proceedings with general tips and tricks to help you survive.



PLAYING AS GRACE ASHCROFT

You'll jump into Resident Evil Requiem as Grace Ashcroft, who has been assigned to a case in the same hotel where her mother was murdered on the same day eight years ago, setting up an emotional rollercoaster.

The gameplay, as Grace Ashcroft, sees the character utilise her deductive reasoning and investigative skills as an FBI analyst. In Resident Evil Requiem, playing as Grace offers a slower, more traditional survival-horror experience.

Grace isn't a combat veteran, and supplies are limited. She'll often run away instead of facing enemies head-on, and any infected she runs into can be her last. As Grace, you'll utilise hiding spots, perform silent takedowns, and manage your inventory wisely.

She has a small eight-slot inventory to play around with, so item management is key to success. Her melee weapons are consumable, makeshift knives that can break when taking down enemies.

She cannot upgrade her weapons' baseline stats like Leon. Instead, she must scavenge for Steroids and Stabilisers throughout the game to improve her health, weapon handling, and more.

Grace uses the Blood Collector tool (found early in the game) to extract Infected Blood. She'll also solve puzzles by analysing Blood Specimens under a laboratory microscope, thereby unlocking new crafting recipes.

It's all about survival, making every bullet and every melee weapon count. Playing as Grace Ashcroft in Resident Evil Requiem delivers heart-pounding suspense as she slowly and thoughtfully makes her way through the game's creepy, atmospheric environments. The default view is first-person, but you can toggle to a third-person perspective.

PRO TIP

There's no shame in running away from enemies as Grace Ashcroft. Use the environment to your advantage, hiding when you have to.

CRAFTING AS GRACE ASHCROFT

Resident Evil Requiem's protagonists both have their own crafting mechanics for players to master. We've already mentioned how she uses the Blood Collector tool and the microscope to unlock new recipes.

To help you navigate the detailed crafting system efficiently, we've got a complete list of items you can craft as Grace Ashcroft in Resident Evil Requiem sorted.



CRAFTING AS GRACE ASHCROFT

Crafted Item	Required Materials	Unlock Requirements
Mixed Herb (G+G)	2x Green Herbs	Default starting recipe.
Mixed Herb (G+G+G)	3x Green Herbs OR 1x G+G + 1x Green Herb	Default starting recipe.
Med Injector	1x Green Herb + 60x Blood OR 1x G+G + 30x Blood	Decrypt Specimen #3 (Converged) in Waiting Room Closet.
Handgun Ammo x8	1x Scrap + 40x Infected Blood	Decrypt Specimen #1 (Denatured) in Blood Lab.
12.7x55mm Ammo x2	1x Rare Metal + 80x Infected Blood	Decrypt Specimen #3 (Converged) in Waiting Room Closet.
Hemolytic Injector	1x Scrap + 60x Infected Blood	Decrypt Specimen #1 (Denatured) in Blood Lab.



CRAFTING AS GRACE ASHCROFT

Crafted Item	Required Materials	Unlock Requirements
Makeshift Knife	2x Scrap	Default starting recipe.
Molotov Cocktail	1x Empty Bottle + 60x Infected Blood	Retrieve Recipe File from Basement Bunkroom.
Bottle of Acid	1x Empty Bottle + 80x Infected Blood	Retrieve Recipe File from ARK Monitor Control Room.
Steroids	1x Empty Injector + 120x Infected Blood	Decrypt Specimen #2 (Reversible) in Blood Lab Side Room.
Stabilizer	1x Empty Injector + 130x Infected Blood	Decrypt Specimen #2 (Reversible) in Blood Lab Side Room.
Ink Ribbon	1x Empty Ribbon Tin + 40x Infected Blood	Default starting recipe on Standard difficulty.

With the recipes outlined, you should have an easier time surviving as Grace, and know precisely which items are important.

PRO TIP

Increase your Blood Collector maximum capacity (100 units default) by an extra 50 units by purchasing the Matsuoka Override Manual from the prize cabinet in the West Wing Parlour for six (6) Antique Coins. It's of the utmost importance because the most valuable recipes, such as Steroids and Stabilisers, exceed the 100-unit limit.

EXPANDING GRACE'S INVENTORY

Inventory management is key to success when playing as Grace. The issue is that she only has an 8-slot inventory at the start of the game, making inventory management a rather frustrating game of undead tetris.

The good news is, you can find four (4) Hip Pouch upgrade items. These each add two (2) more inventory slots, for a maximum of 16 if you find all of them.

Upgrade Name	Map Location	Room / Coordinates	Verification & Retrieval Method
Hip Pouch #1	Care Centre 1F	West Wing Parlour	Deposit 3x Antique Coins into the prize machine cabinet.
Hip Pouch #2	Care Centre 1F	West Wing Filing Room	Unlock the room with the Level 1 ID Wristband; pouch sits on a metal cabinet.
Hip Pouch #3	Care Centre Basement	Processing Office	Power up the Collection Pool generator and use the forklift to clear the path; pouch sits on a bench.
Hip Pouch #4	ARK B3 Laboratory	Bioweapon Repository 05	Open the first marked Umbrella container; the room is heavily guarded by six Lickers.

PRO TIP

As Grace, always be on the lookout for Antique Coins scattered throughout the game. Leon doesn't care for these items at all, but Grace can unlock many essential items via the Parlour with these valuable little items.

PLAYING AS LEON S. KENNEDY

The iconic Leon S. Kennedy is back in action with Resident Evil Requiem. Fans of the franchise should know him all too well from Resident Evil 4. In Resident Evil Requiem, Leon is the action-oriented protagonist, putting his combat training to excellent use.

He is one of the survivors of the original Raccoon City incident. As a veteran Division of Security Operations (DSO) agent focusing on bioterrorism, Leon is dispatched to investigate a string of deaths in the Midwest.

Playing as Leon S. Kennedy, the default view is an over-the-shoulder third-person perspective, but a first-person toggle is available. Leon has a Combat Hatchet as his melee weapon, which is a permanent addition that cannot break. However, you must remember to sharpen it periodically so Leon can continue to perform executes and parries. Performing a perfect parry causes an enemy to stagger. At this point, Leon can use his high-damage roundhouse kick to demolish the enemy and deal serious crowd-control damage and stun. Leon can also break open wooden cabinets and doors, which Grace cannot access on her own.

Leon doesn't have access to the storage box as Grace does, but he can sell surplus weaponry to clear space and earn some credits. However, inventory management isn't much of an issue for him, since he boasts a spacious 7x10 grid case, which players can further expand.

PRO TIP

Pick up heavy weaponry dropped by enemies, such as the chainsaws and fire axes. These are limited-use items that can turn the tide of a heated battle.



CRAFTING AS LEON S. KENNEDY

Crafting as Leon is much simpler than Grace. He does not require a laboratory analysis and does not have access to blood harvesting. Instead, his crafting ability is purely mechanical, with recipes automatically unlocking when he picks up items.

Crafted Item	Required Materials	Unlock Requirements
Mixed Herb (G+G)	2x Green Herbs	1x Standard Healing Concoction
Mixed Herb (G+G+G)	3x Green Herbs OR 1x G+G + 1x Green Herb	1x Maximum Potency Healing Concoction
Handgun Ammo	1x Scrap + 1x Gunpowder (Small)	10x Handgun Rounds
Machine Gun Ammo	2x Scrap + 1x Gunpowder (Small)	40x SMG Rounds.
Shotgun Shells	1x Scrap + 1x Gunpowder (Large)	3x Shotgun Shells
Rifle Ammo	2x Scrap + 1x Gunpowder (Large)	5x Sniper Rifle Rounds
Hand Grenade	1x Scrap + 2x Gunpowder (Large)	1x Frag Hand Grenade
Stacked Hand Grenade	2x Hand Grenades	1x High-Yield Explosive Grenade

While Leon doesn't have to care about collecting Hip Pouches, he can upgrade his inventory a bit later into the game. The Case Upgrade costs 4,000 Credits and expands Leon's inventory to an 8x13 grid.

AN EXPANSIVE ARSENAL

Resident Evil Requiem features a massive arsenal of weapons. Grace and Leon both have specific weapons that they'll find throughout the game. Some weapons can be used by both protagonists.

We've got a complete list of all guns in Resident Evil Requiem, so you know precisely where to look.

Weapon	Character	Category	How To Get
Alligator Snapper	Leon	Handgun	Equipped by default at the start of the game.
B934	Grace	Handgun	Found on Care Centre West Wing dining room floor.
S&S M232	Grace	Handgun	Recovered from Bar & Lounge safe (West Wing 2F).
Silencer 9	Leon	Handgun	Purchased from Supply Box Shop for 5,500 Credits.
Requiem	Both	Magnum	Acquired via story progression in Care Centre Central Hall.
MSBG 500	Leon	Shotgun	Found next to Chunk in the Care Centre Attic
W870 Police	Leon	Shotgun	On shelf behind entrance of Kendo's Gun Shop.
990-Tac	Leon	Shotgun	Purchased from Supply Box Shop for 7,000 Credits.

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Weapon	Character	Category	How To Get
Classic 70	Leon	Rifle	Unlocked during story sequence covering Grace.
Marksman 1A	Leon	Rifle	Inside blue BSAA container at end of East Raccoon main street.
Gal	Leon	SMG	Care Centre flooded parking garage.
Stiri REVO3 A1	Leon	SMG	Purchased from Supply Box Shop for 6,000 Credits.
Mortal Edge Axe	Leon	Melee	Dropped by a boss in ARK facility.
Matilda IMP	Leon	Handgun	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 500 CP.
Ghost Grudge	Leon	Magnum	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 1,000 CP.
Redemption	Leon	Handgun	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 3,500 CP.
Freya's Needle	Grace	SMG	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 4,000 CP.
Kotetsu	Grace	Melee	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 5,000 CP.
Clatter Carbine	Leon	SMG	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 6,000 CP.
RPG-7	Both	Special	Unlocked in Bonus Shop for 15,000 CP.

SAFE CODE COMBINATIONS

In Resident Evil Requiem, you'll come across locked safes. Each safe in the game features highly valuable items, from Antique Coins for Grace to bullets, Med Injectors and a collectable items map.

There are clues near each safe that will help you find the combination and open them yourself. We recommend figuring them out in-game. However, if you are stuck, you can use our Gamer Guide to quickly open each safe in Resident Evil Requiem. We've also got the Insanity difficulty safe combinations for good measure, as these change on the game's highest difficulty level.

Safe Location	Standard Difficulty	Insanity Difficulty	Reward Contents
Bar & Lounge (Care Centre West Wing 2F)	Left 10, Right 80, Left 30	Right 20, Left 50, Right 30	3x Antique Coins (Grace's S&S M232 pistol sits nearby).
Examination Room (Care Centre East Wing 1F)	Right 30, Left 10, Right 50	Left 50, Right 30, Left 90	3x Antique Coins.
Basement Furnace / Workshop (Care Centre Basement)	Right 60, Left 40, Right 80	Left 70, Right 50, Left 20	Rhodes Hill Bobblehead Map & 10x Handgun Bullets.
Sterilization Chamber (ARK 4F, Eastern Side)	Right 10, Left 90, Right 20	Left 80, Right 50, Left 0	15x Handgun Bullets, 1x Med Injector, 1x Molotov Cocktail.
Monitor Control Room (ARK B3, lobby adjacent)	Left 50, Right 60, Left 80	Right 20, Left 0, Right 70	1x Med Injector, 1x Acid Bottle, 1x Empty Bottle.

TIPS TO SURVIVE RACCOON CITY

To help you throw a wrench into Umbrella Corporation's plans in Resident Evil Requiem, we've got some beginners tips to share. These are general tips that could work for both Leon and Grace unless otherwise specified.

No Shame In Running Away

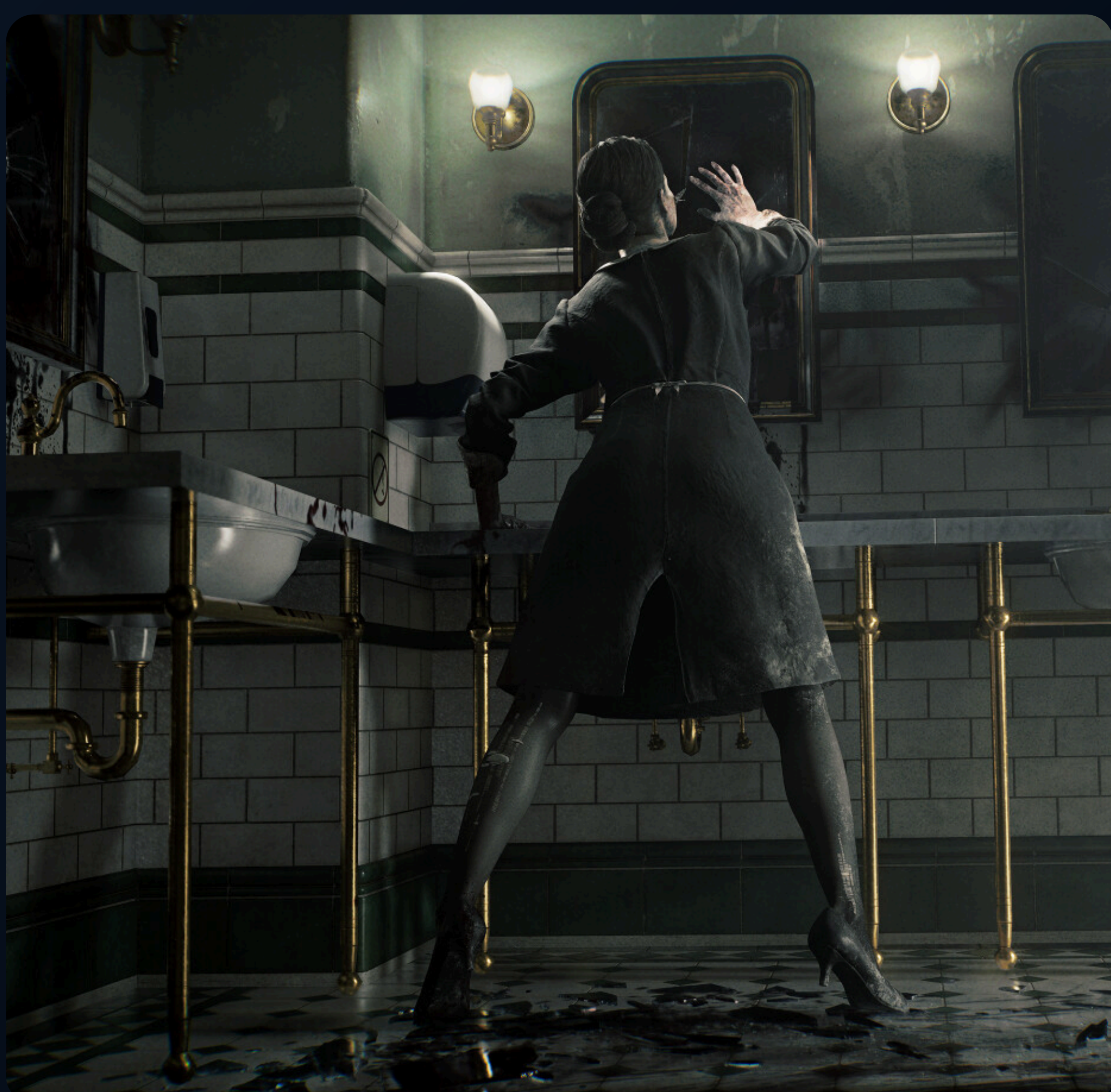
There's no shame in tucking your tail between your legs and running away. As Grace, specifically, you can hide and avoid many fights. As Leon, gamers can also avoid some fights. Just because Leon is more combat-oriented doesn't mean he has to kill every enemy.

Take Aim At Weak Spots

Shooting zombies in the head is the best way to deal maximum damage, with a few exceptions that have weak points elsewhere. Another weak spot is the legs, which also bleed heavily for more blood collection. Leg damage can also impair movement, allowing you to run past some enemies.

Save Often

Unless you are trying to complete a challenge, we recommend saving often, especially on a regular playthrough. Look for those well-lit rooms with typewriters to save your progress. Watch out for wandering enemies. It isn't always as safe in these "saferooms" as you might believe, with enemies grabbing players who stand too close to the door.



TIPS TO SURVIVE RACCOON CITY

Don't Rush It

If you are attempting a speedrun, or a specific time record, sure, go ahead and rush through the game. For first-time players, we recommend soaking in all the gory goodness of Resident Evil Requiem, finding all the collectables they can, and every tidbit of lore. The game's story is worth fully exploring and is considered one of the best in franchise history.

Scavenge Everything

Never leave any items behind. You can break many items, such as ceramic dishes and large vases, for scrap. There are also boxes with yellow tape around them that you can break to earn additional resources. Search every nook and cranny for items. As Grace, specifically, always be on the lookout for Antique Coins that you can use in the Parlour to unlock more items. Even empty bottles have a use for more than just an enemy distraction, since you can craft Molotov Cocktails later in the game.

With our in-depth Gamer Guide, you should have a better chance of surviving Raccoon City as Grace Ashcroft and Leon S. Kennedy. Good luck, and most importantly, have fun!



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