

Realtor Safety Tips

Stay safe in your real estate business by adopting the following safety tips:

STAY IN THE LIGHT

Always show property or host open houses during daytime hours. If you must show property at night, be sure to turn all lights on before entering a room or bring someone with you.

LESS IS MORE

Do not bring valuable items with you while showing a property or hosting an open house. In the event of an emergency, you should be able to leave the property without having to collect any personal items.

GET IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

It's best practice to always drive to any showing or open houses when possible instead of riding with your client.

TEAM UP

If you are meeting a new prospect anywhere, ask another agent in your office to accompany you. You can also bring partner, family member or friend.

STOP AND OBSERVE

Get in the habit of observing your surroundings before entering a property, especially ones that are vacant. Is there anything suspicious happening around the house or neighborhood? If you're in a situation that doesn't feel right for any reason, remove yourself from the situation immediately. Always go with your gut feeling.

BE A FOLLOWER

Always let prospects walk in front of you when touring a home.

I.D. CHECK

Before meeting prospects for the first time, ask for a photo of their driver's license. Keep this in your file and give a copy to someone in your office or your manager.

DON'T GET BLOCKED IN

Park on the street instead of the driveway during a showing or open house so you can't get blocked in. This way, you can get in your car and leave in an emergency situation.

SELF DEFENSE

It's always a good idea to take a basic self-defense class. However, an alternative option is to purchase self-defense equipment such as pepper spray, personal siren alarm, etc. Most of these items come with a key chain so you can keep them on your key ring.