

Real Estate Agent Safety Tips

The first step to being safe is to **always be prepared.**
Know your surroundings, property and clients.

Below is a list of safety tips we've assembled. Be Prepared & Be Safe.

ALWAYS tell someone where you are going and how long you expect to be gone.

If you have a busy day, give someone in your office an *itinerary of properties* you plan to show and check in as often as possible. Work with others in your office to come up with a *code phrase* that alerts them when you are uncomfortable about a showing and a second phrase for emergency situations.

Ask for the Make, Model and License Plate Number of their car.

Especially when meeting clients at a house, even if you already know them. This will help you identify the clients when you arrive at the home. Be sure to have a *record of this at your office* & let someone know where you keep this information. Also, it isn't out of line to ask to *make a copy of customer driver's license*.

Do Not meet unknown customers at a property.

Require that they come to your office. This will ensure that not only you, but others in your office will get a first impression of the client.

Always Follow, Never Lead your client through the house.

You can trap yourself with no way out of a room. *Always let the client enter the room first* and don't follow them into bedrooms or rooms with a door. Stand by the door while they look around.

Trust your Gut.

Instincts are usually right, so trust what you feel. If you feel that the situation is unsafe, don't enter the house at all. It is better to err on the side of caution. Nothing is more important than your safety.

Have a Personal Safety App on your smartphone.

There are several to choose from, do a little research, ask friends and colleagues if they are familiar with any and then pick the one with options that fit your life style best.

Take a Self Defense class

Talk with a local self defense instructor to see if you can organize a class for you and your colleagues.

Keep a form of personal safety protection with you and ALWAYS have them easily accessible.