

# Safety Tips

Working in real estate often means meeting new people, visiting unfamiliar properties, and operating independently—all of which come with unique safety risks.

Whether you're hosting an open house, showing a home, or meeting a new client, taking proactive steps to protect yourself is essential. The following tips are designed to help real estate agents stay alert, reduce risk, and prioritize personal safety every day on the job.

## 15 Safety Tips for REALTORS®

### **Always Meet New Clients in a Public Place or the Office First**

Screen clients and get a copy of their ID before meeting them at a property.

### **Let Someone Know Your Schedule**

Share your itinerary, address and expected time frame, with a colleague or family member.

### **Use the Buddy System When Possible**

Bring another agent or colleague along, especially for vacant or remote properties.

### **Trust Your Instincts**

If something feels off, take it seriously. Don't worry about seeming rude—your safety comes first.

### **Keep Your Phone Charged and Accessible**

Always have your phone within reach and pre-program emergency contacts.

### **Use Safety Apps**

FOREWARN® can help verify names and phone numbers, and conduct instant criminal history checks, or utilize apps like Life360, or bSafe that can track your location and send alerts if needed.

### **Park Strategically**

Park on the street for a quick exit—don't get blocked into a driveway.

### **Avoid Scheduling Showings After Dark**

Try to limit appointments to daylight hours, especially with unfamiliar clients or in unfamiliar areas.

### **Know the Property Layout**

Familiarize yourself with all exits and avoid letting clients walk behind you during a showing.

### **Drive Separately**

Never let a client ride in your vehicle; meet them at the property instead.

### **Use a Distress Code**

Create a code word you can text or say to someone at the office to discreetly signal you need help.

### **Carry a Personal Safety Device**

Consider carrying pepper spray, a whistle, or a personal alarm.

### **Be Cautious with Open Houses**

Secure valuables, avoid being alone at the end, and always check every room before locking up.

### **Watch What You Share Online**

Avoid posting live location updates or personal routines on social media.

### **Take a Self-Defense Class**

Boost your confidence and preparedness with basic safety training.