

## 9 Tips for REALTOR® Safety

Add these tips to your personal REALTOR® safety plan.

### ***Tip #1: Keep it light.***

Show properties before dark. If you are going to be working after hours, advise your associates or your family. If you must show a property after dark, turn on all lights as you go through, and don't lower any shades or draw curtains or blinds.

### ***Tip #2: Touch base.***

Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back. Leave the name and phone number of the client you are meeting and schedule a time for your office to call you to check in.

### ***Tip #3: Bring up the rear.***

When showing a home, always have your prospect walk in front of you. Don't lead them, but rather, direct them from a position slightly behind them. You can gesture for them to go ahead of you.

### ***Tip #4: You take the wheel.***

Whenever possible, take your own car to a showing. When you leave your car, lock it.

### ***Tip #5: Take two seconds.***

Take two seconds when you arrive at your destination to check out potential dangers:

- Are you parked in a well-lit, visible location?
- Can you be blocked in the driveway by another vehicle?
- Do you observe any obstacles or hiding places in the parking lot or along the street?
- Does anything seem out of place?

### ***Tip #6: You are not alone.***

If you encounter an individual while working late or alone in your office, indicate to that person that you are not alone. Say something like, "Let me check with my supervisor ..."

### ***Tip #7: Carry less.***

If you carry a purse, lock it in your car trunk before arriving at an appointment. Do not wear expensive jewelry or watches, or appear to be carrying large sums of cash.

### ***Tip #8: Rely on good neighbors.***

Inform a neighbor that you will be hosting an open house, and ask if he or she would keep a lookout for anything out of the ordinary.

### ***Tip #9: Be prepared: pre-program!***

To best prepare for an emergency, pre-program important numbers into your cell phone. These may include your office, your roadside assistance service, and 911.