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REALTOR FRIENDLY SAFETY TIPS

We are concerned about your safety. Alarming, there has been a nationwide growth in crimes against real-estate agents. We hope that you never become a victim of any crime. The best way to prevent this from happening is prevention; provided below are a few safety tips that we feel, if followed, may prevent you from becoming a victim.

Never make personal information available to clients.

Always drive your vehicle (never the clients) and make sure it is good working condition.

Never carry large amounts of cash or wear excessive amounts of jewelry.

Always lock your car doors, whether you are driving or in park.

Always look inside and around your car before you get into it.

Always park your car in well-lit and visible locations.

Tell someone where you are going, when you are leaving, and approximate time of return.

Establish some prearranged distress signals with your office and family.

Practice using them.

Establish a pre-determined amount of time you will be gone, and if you're not back, have someone call to check on you.

Be suspicious of spur-of-the moment showings or clients who rush their schedules.

Always have an escape plan.

Identify clients before you show a house.

Try to make that first time meeting of a prospective client at your office.

Do not leave a client alone, if may give them the opportunity to leave something unlocked for a later break –in.

Do not have the mind-set that it can't happen to you ...it can!!!!