

# 25 Safety Tips for REALTORS®



## Personal Safety

1. Trust your instincts. Listen to your “gut” feeling and protect yourself.
2. Make sure you have cell service.
3. Put 911 on speed dial as well as local emergency contacts.
4. Enroll in a Self-Defense class.
5. Do not put your home address or telephone number on your business cards.

## Open House Safety

6. Park where you can get out quickly.
7. Always walk behind your client.
8. Do not wear expensive jewelry.
9. Have the seller remove personal items such as mail, photos, jewelry, and medications.
10. Hang bells on doors to alert you when someone enters.

## Data & Cyber Safety

11. Limit the amount of personal information you share on social media business page.
12. Use a password manager and passwords that include capital letters, numbers, and special characters.
13. Have a written data security program and a policy for what to do in the event of a security breach.
14. Keep antivirus software and firewalls active and up-to-date.
15. Don't click on links in texts from unknown senders.

## Working with Clients

16. Verify potential client's identity before meeting.
17. Meet clients at your office before agreeing to a private showing.
18. Ensure client has been pre-approved for a mortgage.
19. Always drive your own car to a showing.
20. Share your location and client's information with your superior before private showing.

## Weather Safety

21. Remove all yard signs, flyer boxes, and flags in the event of severe weather.
22. Take photos of your listings, inside and outside, prior to storms.
23. Make sure Keyboxes are placed in a secure, protected location.
24. Keep your cell phone charged and calls brief to minimize network congestion.
25. Sign up for emergency alerts in your area.