

Realtor Safety



WITH TIPS FROM THE WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT



TIP

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BACKGROUND WORK

- + Gather information before the showing to be prepared. Ask the following questions:
- + Who are you showing the house to?
- + How many people will they be with?
- + What type of car do they drive?

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OPEN HOUSE SAFETY

- + As people arrive, check their identification, and record their name, phone number, and email address.
- + Don't get parked in; have an escape route.
- + Check the entire property before locking up.

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TOUCHING BASE / LIFELINE

- + Plan to check in with a co-worker, family member, or friend during showings.
- + Consider using a check-out board or similar solution.
- + Create an office "distress code".
- + Have a prepared excuse if you need to get out.

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GENERAL SAFETY

- + Show properties before dark.
- + Do not wear nice jewelry or carry large purses to showings.
- + Do not give out personal information to clients.
- + Avoid exposing your back to clients when showing a listing.
- + Follow your gut.
- + Contact Officer Cara Huinker, Winnetka Police Business Liaison, with any questions or concerns at chuinker@winnetka.org; 847-878-2016.