



Edina Police Department

Technical Brief

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CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR REALTORS

Due to the nature of your responsibilities you may find yourself working with strangers. Please review the following crime prevention tips:

Open Houses/Showing Properties

- If you have any concerns or are uneasy about a possible buyer, **trust your instincts**, have someone accompany you.
- Avoid meeting an unknown buyer alone at any property. Have the first meeting at your office.
- Before you leave with a client, write down their names, address, phone number, make and model of car and license plate number. List the addresses of the properties you intend to show and when you expect to return – leave this with the receptionist.
- Never except a ride with a client – always drive your own car.
- Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or carrying large amounts of cash.
- Keep contact with your office – let them know where you will be, who you are expected to meet with and when you will return.
- Always have your cell phone available and have your office call you for a status check at prearranged times.
- Do not leave your purse or laptop in sight unattended. Place them in a drawer or cabinet to keep them out of sight.
- Carry a high decibel audio alarm or pepper spray (see technical brief #27 for more information).
- Before a showing have the owner remove easily concealable valuables, jewelry, small electronics, purses, wallets, and any other items that would tempt a would-be burglar.
- After a showing, check all rooms to insure there are no stragglers and lock all doors. When you leave make sure to leave on enough lights to give the home an occupied appearance.
- Remember to call 9-1-1 if you see or hear anything suspicious.

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