



# BASIC REALTOR<sup>®</sup> SAFETY TIPS

As a REALTOR<sup>®</sup>, you're faced with potentially risky situations every day. Here are a few safety tips to support the well-being of your business, career, clients, and life.

## Business Well-Being

### Have a Safety Plan

Put a Safety Plan in place to prepare for potentially dangerous situations and share it with your emergency contacts.

### What's Your Distress Code?

Pick a word or phrase that signals danger when used in phone or in-person conversations.

### Distraction-Free Driving

Plan your schedule ahead to avoid taking calls while driving.

## Professional Well-Being

### Is Mobile Service Everywhere?

Double check that you have cell service in the area you're showing, especially when in older homes, or rural and commercial properties.

### Beware of Phishers and Scams

Never give personal information such as passwords or credit card numbers to untrusted online sources.

### Is it Plugged In and Turned On?

It sounds simple, but it's easy to forget. Make sure your devices are fully charged or carry a back-up battery.

## Client Well-Being

### Enlist Your Clients to Help

Remind your clients to lock doors before showings and scout for missing items upon their return.

### Situational Awareness

Always show property during daylight and ask yourself if anything seems out of place. Don't lead the way in a showing, always have clients walk ahead of you.

### Online Protection

Use digital tools to prevent identity theft that could damage your and your clients' credit report.

## Personal Well-Being

### Pick Up Self-Defense Skills

Many gyms and martial arts studios have virtual classes you can take from home.

### Who Knows Your Schedule?

Have a buddy, colleague, or family member that keeps track of you when showing a property and never meet a client for the first time at a showing.

### Keep Important Numbers Handy

Place a card with numbers such as a locksmith, roadside assistance, and doctor in your car.