



Safety First!

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- **Obtain information about the buyer prior to setting up a meeting.** Call them directly or have them complete a buyers questionnaire. It's very important to know who you are meeting and taking into property.
- **Let someone know where you are and who you are with.**
- **Always knock or ring the doorbell before going into a home.** Dogs will bark at this sound but may not with a key turning in the lock (they may think it's their owner coming in).
- **Announce "Realtor" when entering an owner-occupied home.** Don't alarm anyone who may not have gotten the showing notice.
- **Never enter a property alone.** If you meet a client at a property, wait for them to show up before you go into the home.

- **Remove the key from the door.** Take the key out of the front door after you unlock it. Someone else could arrive while you are showing the property.
- **Lock the door after entry.** Unlock door, open door, enter property, close door — LOCK DOOR behind you. That's the process.
- **Never turn your back to a prospect.** Don't put yourself in a vulnerable situation.
- **Be careful of trip hazards** — Try to spot them before your client does. Sidewalks, paths into homes, loose handrails, etc., are common sources for trips.
- **Knock on closed doors before entering the room.** There could be a sleeping person or snarling dog in the corner.
- **Lock all doors before leaving.** Retrace steps and lock all doors, close all sliders, and put that high-tech, sawed-off broom handle back in the track!
- **Never give the door key to ANYONE.** That includes handing the key to another agent showing property right after you. Return it to the lockbox.
- **Try not to show property at dusk and later.**
- **Never meet an unknown person at a vacant property.**

