

5 Consumer Safety Tips



Hide Valuables

For security's sake, remember to remove keys, credit cards, jewelry, crystal, furs and other valuables from the home or lock them away during showings. Also remove prescription drugs.

Protect Personal Information

DON'T leave personal information like mail or bills out in the open where anyone can see it. Be sure to lock down your computer and lock up your laptop and any other expensive, easy-to-pocket electronics, like iPods, before your showing.

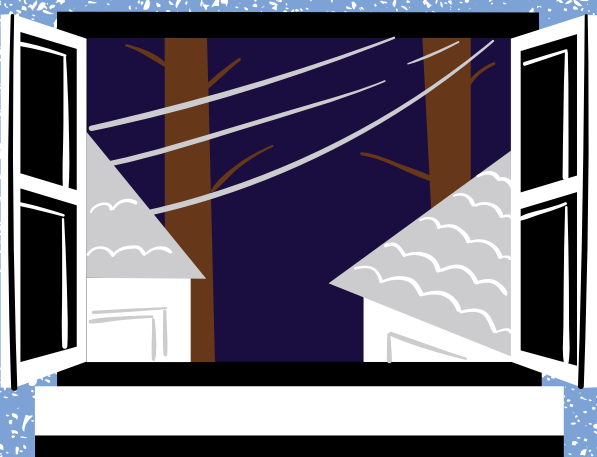


Don't Show Your Property Alone

Not all agents, buyers and sellers are who they say they are. Predators come in all shapes and sizes. Don't talk to other agents or buyers, refer all inquiries to your REALTOR®.

Remove Pets During Showings

If possible, animals should be removed during showings. Buyers and agents are sometimes attacked, and the owner will be held liable.



Open House Safety

After an open house or a standard showing, make sure that all doors and windows are locked. Thieves commonly use open houses to scout for valuables and possible points of entry, then return later for any noted valuables.