Realtor Watch

Previewing Property

- Be familiar with the area you are going
  - Contact Crime Prevention Unit to find out if there has been criminal activity in the area
  - Talk with other agents
- Try to go during daylight hours
- Always make sure someone has your schedule and with whom you are meeting
- Advise that person if you're delayed
- Make sure you have your cell phone
  - Pre-program local law enforcement emergency numbers
- Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement
  - Broken windows, open doors, people loitering, any evidence that someone has been in the home
- Work smart: *Think safety first!*

Showing Property

- Screen clients as much as possible
- Use the "buddy system" when possible
- Always be aware of where people are within the house
- Schedule showings during daylight hours
- Stick to your schedule
- Regular "check-in" times
  - Contact your agency at designated times
- Never put yourself in harm's way
- *Trust your instincts!*

Open House

- Have responsible party put away any easily concealed items
  - Jewelry, money, heirlooms
- Make sure all doors and windows are locked when arriving at the home
  - Never enter a house in which it appears a break-in has occurred
- Make sure all doors and windows are secure upon leaving
- Do not let purses lay in plain view
- Have a cell phone easily accessible
  - Carry it with you, attach to a belt, put in pocket
- Pre-screen the area – know the house, including:
  - Rooms, hallways, closets, entries and exits
- Keep your personal safety foremost in mind

Tips to Remember

- Cell phone, alarm, keys, and whistle
- Share information with other agents
- Lock your vehicle
- If something feels "off" – back out
- If it seems suspicious, *report it!*