



Safety Tips

One of the things people take for granted when showing their home is safety. When you put your home up for sale and start inviting strangers into your house, you need to consider some of them may not have good intentions. Here are a few practical tips to keep you and your family safe.

- Never allow strangers who walk up to your door into your house. Make them schedule a showing in advance. This will allow you to use the safety tips listed below.

- Never show your home alone.

- Store all your valuables out of sight.

- If you have guns, store them at a family member's or friend's house if possible. If not, make sure they are locked and out of sight.

- Get some personal information from the person(s) who want to see your home, such as a name, telephone number and where they work.

- Call the number they gave you and confirm the appointment. This will verify that the information they gave you is correct.

- Put the visitor's personal information in a book, folder, or electronic storage location. Give this information to a trusted friend for safekeeping. Also, notify a friend or family member who does not live with you of the time of the showing and expected duration. Check in with that friend or family member before and after the showing, so they know you are safe.

- Have the person(s) to whom you are showing your house stay together. Stay with them at all times.

- Try and make arrangements for your kids to go to a friend's house.

- If the house is vacant and you are meeting the person(s) there, do not park your car where it can be blocked in.