

Continue practicing social distancing to help flatten the curve and slow the spread of COVID-19.









Take action to slow the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a cloth face covering in public spaces, keeping at least 6 feet of physical distance, and frequently washing your hands.









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Take additional safety precautions by sanitizing your workspace, cell phones and computers.

Eliminating risks in your personal space can have a positive effect on your surroundings.









Take everyday preventive actions to help slow the spread of COVID-19: wash your hands often and avoid touching your face, nose and eyes.









Amid COVID-19, propose alternative marketing opportunities for your sellers' consideration, such as video tours and other methods to virtually tour a property.









Pre-program important numbers into your cell phone, like an emergency contact, your office, a roadside assistance service, and 9-1-1 to best prepare for an emergency.









Be informed about REALTOR®
Safety. Along with the resources
available from NAR, review the
tools and resources available
from your State and Local
REALTOR® Associations.









When holding an open house, consider requiring all visitors to disinfect their hands upon entering the home, limiting the amount of people in the home, and providing alcohol-based hand sanitizers at the entryway.





When listing a vacant commercial property, advise emergency response organizations (e.g., fire, police, etc.) that your building is unoccupied. Provide them with keys and contact information in the event of an emergency.





It is important for you to know the laws regarding data security and privacy that affect your organization. Various state laws regarding data security have both common elements and differences. Learn more at NAR.realtor/DataSecurityToolkit.





When showing a property during the summer, make sure the gas grill and propane tank is safely stored away from the house. If the home is vacant, check that the gas has been turned off.





When conducting a showing, you and your client's safety is top priority at all times. Pay close attention to your surroundings, check for potential threats and make sure you have an exit strategy, if needed.





Tell your sellers: DON'T leave personal information like mail out in the open during showings and open houses. Be sure to put away and lock up your laptop and any other expensive, easy-to-pocket electronics and jewelry before all showings.





As your schedule becomes busy, your work hours may get longer. Ensure your safety at the office by making sure doors are secured after hours and safety procedures are in place for every employee at your office.





Follow NAR's 10 Second Rule by paying attention to and assessing your surroundings throughout the day in an effort to spot and avoid danger.





Be on time and efficient as winter weather approaches.

Prepare for snow, icy roads and traffic by checking the weather daily and planning meetings and client showings accordingly.





If personal information falls into the wrong hands, it can lead to fraud, identity theft, or similar harms. Get help creating a data security program from NAR's Data Privacy & Security Toolkit:

Nar.realtor/DataSecurityToolkit





Keep your data safe by changing the factory-set password on your wireless router. Even amateur hackers can break into these, and the data of everyone using your internet connection could be jeopardized.





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Don't assume that everyone has left the premises at the end of an open house. Check all the rooms and the backyard prior to locking the doors.





Social media usage has an impact on your safety. Carefully consider each item you share, and be aware that old posts, even if they've been deleted, may be copied or saved.





Be safe when shopping online.

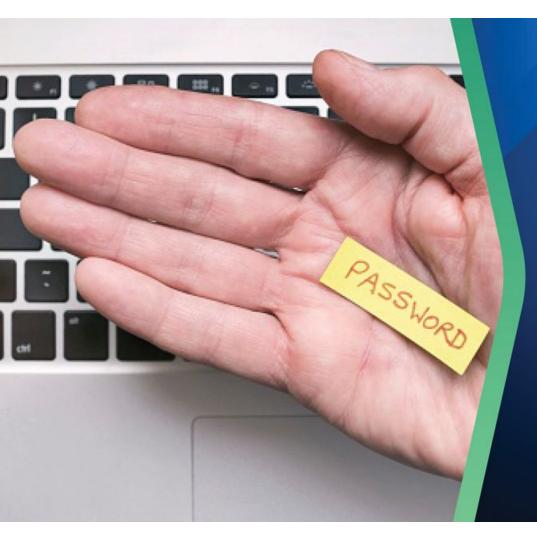
Make sure that the website uses secure technology by verifying that the URL on the checkout screen begins with https. If it doesn't, do not type in your credit card information.





Dress for the weather. If your car breaks down or you need to escape a dangerous situation, you could find yourself exposed to harsh weather. In the winter, keep a blanket and some spare warm clothes in your car.





Are you making it difficult for hackers to crack your passwords online? Create smart passwords by incorporating capital letters, numbers, and special characters, and using more than six characters.





Always be aware of your surroundings when meeting a client or arriving at a showing.

Never walk in an unfamiliar area while texting or looking down.

Keep your head up and stay alert.





According to the National
Fire Protection Association,
Thanksgiving is the peak day for
home cooking fires. Stay in the
kitchen if you are cooking on the
stove top and be sure to test your
smoke alarms regularly.





While working late or alone, keep extra lights on in the office and turn on the radio. This way, it won't look like you are alone. And make sure someone knows where you are and when you will be home.





Ensure all outside doors and windows are locked when working alone in the office to prevent an intruder from sneaking in.





Look out for one another. The next time your colleague is leaving the office at night, offer to walk him/ her to their car so they don't have to walk alone.





Build a culture of safety around the office. Have a pre-determined code word or phrase among coworkers, which can be used as a signal for help if you find yourself in an uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation.





When meeting a client for the first time, do so at the office or in a public place. Always let a fellow agent or someone in your office know who, when and where you are meeting.





Travel light, at least as far as cash. You never know what or who you'll run into when visiting a remote property. Credit cards are easy to cancel, but cash is gone. This tip brought to you by The REALTORS® Land Institute.





Traveling to NAR's Annual
Convention? Before you leave your
hotel or the convention center,
know where you're going by
mapping your route in advance.
If you get lost, ask someone
trustworthy, such as a security
guard or a hotel concierge.





BE SMART WITH YOUR LOCKBOX: Create robust passwords and don't share keys. This tip brought to you by SentriLock.

Learn more about the SentriKey™ Real Estate app at NAR.realtor/Safety/Articles





Get to know the neighborhoods you work in, both during the day and at night. Streets and landmarks may look different throughout day.





When traveling to properties, always keep an extra phone charger or a travel battery charger in your car in case your cell phone battery dies.





When showing a home, park your car in front of the property rather than in the driveway. You will avoid having your car blocked in, and if you have to make a quick exit, it will be easier to drive away.





Real estate agents spend a lot of time in their cars. Be sure to pack an emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, blankets and a flashlight. You never know when you may need it.





If you are listing a home, make sure your client is aware that all of his or her personal/important information or belongings should be put away or locked in a safe during showings and open houses.





Always meet prospective clients at your home office first. This allows you to get a feel for who your client is and discern whether or not it will be a good working relationship.





Be cautious and aware of your surroundings. Do not text or web-surf on your phone during open houses or traveling to and from showings.





Ask for a form of identification when meeting potential clients. This will allow you to verify identity and possibly ward off any bad threats.





Make sure your office is aware when you are conducting showings or driving clients in your car. Give them a timeframe and location list that shows where you will be headed and the amount of time it should take.





Know what to do if an emergency should occur in the office. Talk to your local fire department about office appropriate fire and evacuation drills.



Be informed about REALTOR® Safety.
Check with your National, State and Local
Associations about safety programs, tools
and resources available to members.
Visit NAR.realtor/safety to learn more.



Be smart with your lockbox: Create robust codes and don't share keys.

This tip brought to you by SentriLock, LLC.

GET MORE LOCKBOX SAFETY TIPS AT www.NAR.realtor/Safety/Articles



Is your marketing jeopardizing your safety and making you a target? Consider advertising without using your photo or home phone number.



When showing a property, avoid entering small areas like attics, closets, or basements where you could get trapped inside. Instead, speak to the client from the outside while they look around.

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Be on guard at all times during a showing, especially at the end when one or two people may linger in the house.