

# Keep Your Clients' Homes Safe and Sound

During the summer months, your clients may ask you, their trusted real estate professional, to check in on their home while they are away. Follow these tips to make sure you stay safe as well.



## Before Your Client Leaves for Their Trip

- Meet with your clients so they can point out home security systems etc.
- Ask that they introduce you to their neighbors.
- Ensure there is a plan for yard upkeep and trash pickups.
- Ask if mail will be stopped or forwarded.
- Remind them to lock away valuables.
- Note any home maintenance service professionals they use.

**If you are going by yourself, be sure someone knows when you left, where you are going and when you are expected to come back.**

## Before You Leave to Do a Wellness Check

- ✓ Be sure your cell phone is charged.
- ✓ Keep a whistle or personal safety device on your key ring.
- ✓ Wear your official real estate agent ID.
- ✓ Lock your purse in your trunk before you arrive.
- ✓ Go during daylight hours whenever possible.
- ✓ Use your GPS if you are not absolutely sure how to get there.
- ✓ Bring someone with you if it's an isolated area or one that makes you feel uneasy.





## When You Arrive at The Home

- Never use hideaway keys. Always have the key on your person.
- Do a quick safety check of the outside once you get there.
- Check all doorways for packages that might have been left.
- Park on the street, not the driveway so you can't get blocked in.
- If needed, put out trash the night before and bring the barrel in the next day.
- Check for signs of pests, water leaks, needed repairs or other potential issues.



**TIP:** Many police departments will do drive-bys at the request of homeowners who will be out of town. Be sure your client lets the police know you will be stopping by.