

ESSENTIAL SAFETY TIPS FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

WEAR YOUR ID & SAFETY VEST

Always wear a visible ID and a safety vest labeled "Appraiser." This not only identifies you as a professional but also reassures property owners and neighbors. It can help minimize interruptions by reducing questions about your presence.



VERIFY CLIENT AND PROPERTY DETAILS

Before your visit, confirm the point of contact for the property and check if any animals are present. Accurate information leads to a smoother and safer appraisal experience.

PARK STRATEGICALLY

Choose to park on the street instead of in the driveway. This ensures you won't be blocked in and allows for a quick exit if necessary.

USE A DOOR HANGER

Display a door hanger that reads "Inspection in Progress." This informs anyone entering the property of your presence, enhancing your visibility and professionalism.

UTILIZE RING DOORBELLS

Even if the property is empty, use the ring doorbell to communicate your presence. This can provide an added layer of security and allow you to capture any unexpected events. Always be sure to announce your presence even in vacant properties.

PLAN EXIT ROUTES

Before entering the property, identify at least two clear exit routes. Ensure these paths are accessible in case a quick exit is needed.

STAY AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Upon arrival, scan the area for suspicious activity or potential safety hazards. Trust your instincts—if something feels off, don't hesitate to leave.

WEAR PROPER FOOTWEAR

When it's raining, ensure you wear appropriate shoes to prevent slipping and falling. Safety should always come first.

MINIMIZE VALUABLES

Only carry essential items like your phone, appraisal tools, and ID. Avoid bringing valuables such as jewelry or large sums of cash to mitigate the risk of theft.



EMERGENCY BAG ESSENTIALS

Always carry emergency supplies, especially for rural assignments. Include extra water, a portable phone charger, and ensure your vehicle is equipped for the terrain. Plan your route and scout the area using Google Maps.


UTILIZE SAFETY TOOLS AS FOREWARN APP

Utilize safety tools like FOREWARN to quickly verify who you're meeting before arriving at a property. With just a phone number, you can check important details like criminal history, property ownership, and financial data. This gives you valuable peace of mind and helps ensure safer interactions with clients before stepping on-site for an appraisal inspection.



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