

REALTOR®: _____

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So you've decided to put your house on the market! You made the right decision in choosing to work with a REALTOR® who will bring you the benefit of a network of homebuyers through RMLS™, the largest REALTOR®-owned multiple listing service in the Pacific Northwest. Your property will be immediately available to more than 10,000 cooperating agents and brokers in Oregon and Washington, to help you find a match for your home!

This guide will give you tips on how to ensure your house and belongings remain safe and secure during this process. Be sure to talk to your listing agent for more in-depth information on how to sell your house safely.



SELLING SAFELY



A Guide to Safety and Security When Selling Your House

Using Lockboxes

As a subscriber of RMLS™, your REALTOR® can put a lockbox on your house to make a key available when you are not there. These boxes record each time they are opened and can only be accessed by subscriber REALTORS® using a traceable code. The lockboxes are programmable, so you can decide on what days and times the key can be accessed. This will give you reliable convenience while showing your house to potential buyers through other REALTORS®.



That Lived-In Look

If you've already moved from your house, protect it by giving it a lived-in look. Keep the lawn mowed, bring the trash to the curb, and be sure to pick up newspapers and flyers left at the front door. You may also want to consider using timers on your lights, and to periodically open and close the drapes. In winter, be sure to keep the house reasonably warm to prevent the pipes from freezing. Your agent can give you more options to give your house that lived-in look.

Other Tips

- While your house is on the market, it's a good idea to store all of your valuables in a safe place. Move any jewelry, prescription drugs, firearms, and other expensive items to another location until you've closed the transaction.
- If someone comes to your home unexpectedly, without an appointment, instruct them to contact your agent. Do not let them in.
- Be wary of scams. For example, listings have been lifted off REALTOR® websites and posted as rental properties on bulletin sites such as Craigslist in an effort to get prospective renters to pay first and last month's rent. Other scams could involve fraudulent checks or nonexistent contacts.
- Your agent can be a wealth of information on how to sell your house safely and securely. We encourage you to contact them with any further questions.