

# Bay East Consumer Guide

## Buyer Safety While Viewing Homes

A little preparation can help make your home search safer and more enjoyable.

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### Before the Showing

Plan ahead before visiting a property:

- ✓ Only visit homes scheduled for you
- ✓ Avoid entering vacant or occupied homes without an appointment
- ✓ View homes during daylight when possible
- ✓ Fully charge your phone and backup power
- ✓ Ask whether pets will be present



### Have a Safety Plan

Before heading out:

- Meet a new agent at their office first
- Consider driving your own vehicle
- Share your location with someone you trust
- Schedule regular check-ins
- Have a plan if you need to leave early

Don't be surprised if your REALTOR® asks for identification. It may be part of their safety procedures.



### Some Areas Require Extra Caution

Be especially careful around:

- Vacant or under-construction properties
- Attics, crawl spaces, and roofs
- Electrical panels and mechanical systems
- Furnaces, fireplaces, and generators
- Doors or gates that only open from one side



*"A safe home search starts before you walk through the door."*



### Watch Your Surroundings

During a showing:

- ✓ Watch for steps, uneven floors, and slippery surfaces
- ✓ Supervise children at all times
- ✓ Don't approach unfamiliar pets
- ✓ Use extra caution around pools
- ✓ Assume audio or video recording devices may be present



### We're Here to Help

A Bay East REALTOR® can help you:

- ✓ Schedule and coordinate home showings
- ✓ Guide you through unfamiliar properties
- ✓ Communicate with sellers and listing agents