

# HOME SAFE HOME

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## OPINION

September is REALTOR® Safety Month, a national initiative that was kindled by an event right here in Washington state.

REALTOR® Mike Emert was killed while showing a property in Woodinville back in 2001. That next year, Washington REALTORS® - our state association - encouraged the National Association of REALTORS® to establish a permanent, systemic initiative on REALTOR® safety. REALTOR® Safety Month became a September tradition across the industry in 2003 that continues today.

The Spokane Association of REALTORS® is reminding its members about safety all this month. Our member communication is, necessarily, about personal safety – what to know, what to do, and what not to do, when they’re out working with clients – that’s you – so everyone stays safe. I thought this would also be a good time to offer some safety tips for new homeowners, specifically related to property. It you are a new homeowner, congratulations!

The FBI shares that a burglar will hit one in every thirty-six homes in the United States in a typical year. The average loss is just over \$2,000 per incident, totaling nearly \$5 billion in property losses across the country.

Here are some specific suggestions to help you stay safe in your new home (and one you’ve had for a while):

- Maintain your yard. Well-groomed landscaping is an important aspect of home security. By keeping your shrubbery trimmed, criminals are unable to hide behind them.
- Install outdoor lighting. A well-lit exterior discourages

criminals from hiding in your landscaping, and makes your home less approachable. Lights with motion sensors are also a good idea.

- Update door and lock hardware. It’s always a good idea to replace your locks and make sure that all easily accessible entry points are secure when you move into a new home. This also includes evaluating window security and installing additional security measures if needed.
- Meet your neighbors. The more friendly eyes watching out for your property the better. By introducing yourself to your neighbors, you’ll both be more comfortable alerting each other if something appears different.
- Consider installing an alarm system. Security systems are a major deterrent for criminals, but they don’t need to be expensive to be effective. An alarm system could easily be worth the cost and peace of mind it provides.
- Check batteries in fire and carbon monoxide detectors. In addition to taking preventative measures against burglary, another critical safety measure within your control is to protect your home from fire and carbon monoxide poisoning.

My favorite tip among these is meet your neighbors. While much of our lives are mediated by technology and machines, the tried-and-true process of social networking in person is still the best. Neighbors make neighborhoods, and that’s one of the best things about owning a home.

To start your search for a new home, call a REALTOR® today!

*This article represents the personal opinion of Susie Luby, 2016 president of the Spokane Association of REALTORS®.*



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New neighborhood off Indian Trail Rd. Large 1-2.5 acre lots nestled into the natural rock outcroppings and large trees. Very private setting with city water and sewer and natural gas but close to everything. Home packages starting in the 500,000's. Shops allowed. Phil Kony-nenbelt, 991-7445.

**4534 E. NORTH GLENNGRAE**  
Well built rancher on corner lot that feels very private for the gated neighborhood location - best of both worlds! Over 2,000 sq ft mn fir & 3,500 finished. 5BR, 3BA, gas heat, frplc & cook top; central AC, huge hickory kitchen, lots of tile, mn fir laundry, oversize 2 car gar. Big Trex deck, sprinklers, maintained grounds, common pool. \$339,900. Vic Plese 217-7889.

**15511 N. CINCINNATI DR.**  
Beautiful Gleneden contemporary, 4BR, 3BA, 2 Frplcs. Very secluded setting, green belt private backyard. Mead School District. Close to Little Spokane River and parks. Great home for entertaining or quiet time on your deck. \$229,900. Don Willard, 844-5081.

**1323 W. 16th AVE.**  
Great 1985-built home in heart of South Hill close to everything! 1758 sq ft, 3 BR, 2 BA, newer gas furn & AC, updated kitchen, new interior paint, hrdwd flrs, large bright laundry room, oversize 2 car garage, deck, fncd yard, sprinklers & more! \$209,900. Vic Plese 217-7889.

**BIG PRICE DROP!**  
Spacious 1,240 sq ft, 2BR/2BTH condo in immaculate condition. Located in historic Browne's Addition. Maintenance free in beautiful gated community with club house and pool. Was \$169,900 price reduced to \$159,000. Steve Drennon, 570-8346

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**132 MOBILE HOMES, SALE / WANTED**  
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