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Open house safety tips

MCKEAN COUNTY – Hosting an open house is a great way to show off your home to a variety of potential buyers in a short period of time.

But that also means there are potentially dozens of strangers in your house. What can you do to protect yourself and your home?

“First, discuss with your Realtor® what he or she is doing to make sure everyone and everything is safe, and the open house goes smoothly,” said McKean County Association of Realtors® President Kevin McMurtrie. “Your Realtor® should have a plan in the event of an emergency, but should also be doing everything he or she can to prevent an unpleasant situation.”

An open house is an opportunity for your house to shine, but make sure all valuables are locked in a safe and remove any prescription medications from the home. Check window and door locks to make sure they are secure and be sure to check them again after the open house has ended.

It’s also wise to check with your insurance provider to see what they do and do not cover in your policy regarding property damages or damaged valuables.

“If you have pets, ask a friend or family member to take them for the time of the open house,” McMurtrie added. “With so many new faces coming in and out, it may scare your pet and cause them to behave aggressively.”

“Having an open house is a wonderful opportunity to showcase what it has to offer,” McMurtrie said. “But it’s important to plan for any situation that may arise.”

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