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### Realtors issue warning after woman allegedly raped



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- [Safety tips from Minneapolis Area Association of Realtors](#)

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The Minnesota Association of Realtors sent an alert to its members Tuesday after receiving news that someone posing as a potential home buyer may have raped a woman in Minneapolis.

The Minneapolis Police Department says it now has a police report on the incident which happened last Friday. The story Tuesday indicated that the rapist had pretended to be a real estate agent, but police said Wednesday that did not happen. However, the man did want a look inside the home.

Because the alleged assault happened at a home that was for sale, the Minnesota Association of Realtors felt the need to issue an alert to all of its members.

Some real estate agents, like Laural Kenney of Exit Signature Realty, immediately called their clients. Kenney contacted stay-at-home moms and senior citizens first. She did not want to scare her clients, unless an appointment was scheduled first.

but she did want them to know they should not let anyone in unless an appointment was scheduled first.

"If someone does come up to the door, don't open the door," Kenney says. "Point to the sign. There are numbers on the signs and they should call the number that's on the 'For Sale' sign."

The National Association of Realtors offers these safety tips for sellers:

- Put valuables in a safe, secure place, including prescription drugs.
- Wear clothing with pockets so you can always have your keys with you.
- Never carry large amounts of cash or credit cards.
- After an open house or standard showing, make sure all doors and windows are locked because thieves commonly use open houses to scout for valuables and possible points of entry, then return after the agent leaves.

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