

In the United States a total of 227 agents died as a result of violent **assaults** from 1992 to 2001. That is over 22 per year.

Many more were beaten, raped, or robbed.

Protect Yourself

These are alarming statistics, and we use them not to shock you but to illustrate the importance of taking safety precautions in your everyday work. The very nature of showing real estate can be risky for both men and women.

Using common sense and following basic safety tips, we have compiled information from both the criminals who commit these crimes as well as the victims and other real estate associations from around the world.

In researching the hundreds of articles and news stories written about this subject, we found **in nearly every assault the victim could have done something** to prevent the incident if only they had trusted their instincts.

Sadly many have lost their lives because they didn't have the tools necessary to recognize and protect themselves from potentially violent encounters. In February 2007 young realtor Lindsay Buziak was murdered while showing a property.