

## **Local Assault on Realtor is a reminder to be safe out there!**

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On Sunday, a realtor in Chelan County was assaulted while holding an open house in Wenatchee. She had shown a home to a man she did not know who later returned to the home and told her he wanted her, and grabbed her shoulders. The man attended the open house as a guest and signed the guestbook with his actual name and address. He appeared intoxicated and very aggressive. He attempted to advance on the realtor who pushed him away. She was able to position herself so that she was in the public eye as there was a party going on next door. She left the premises and proceeded to call the authorities.

The police used the information from the guestbook, contacted the suspect and took him into custody.

This could have ended up much worse. [A 27 year old real estate agent in Iowa was murdered in April](#) and there are still no suspects in the case.

Real estate agents are encouraged to practice their craft safely, letting others know where they are and with whom, and taking other safety precautions. The guestbook was particularly useful at this open house! I am happy our local agent was not physically harmed. Be careful out there!