

Realtor Recounts Being Attacked In Grove City Home

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A central Ohio realtor on Wednesday urged others in her profession to take precautions after a normal day on the job turned into a violent attack. The incident left the realtor so uneasy that she asked not to be identified. It happened during the middle of the afternoon at a vacant house in a well-populated Grove City neighborhood. The realtor said she went to the home by herself to perform an inspection. "I didn't think it would be a problem," she said.

The inspection, she said, started without issue. "I went into the property and signed in. I walked through the house, out the back sliding glass door and I locked the shed," the realtor said.

The realtor said she had just walked back inside the house when she heard a sound that she thought was coming from the basement, Mallett reported.

As she approached the basement door, it swung open and struck her. Then, she said, someone pushed her down the stairs.

Despite suffering three cracked ribs and torn ligaments in her knees, the realtor said she is ready to get back to work.

When that happens, she plans to be more aware of her surroundings.

"I think I'll take even more precautions now," she said.

In general there are no mandatory rules for realtors to follow when they are on the job, only recommendations, Mallett reported.

Among them, The Columbus Board of Realtors suggests working in pairs, having a cell phone handy with emergency numbers saved, and checking in with someone frequently.

Taking a self-defense course is also recommended.

While no new rules are expected to come as a result of the attack, a representative of the Ohio Association of Realtors said the group is always evaluating agents' safety.