

# Safety Tips for the Home Visitor

- Always park on the street or in a way to allow you to leave quickly if necessary for your safety.
- Avoid sitting on upholstered couches or on furniture that may be used to store hypodermic needles or weapons.
- Maintain clear access to an exit at all times.
- Do not meet with family members in a kitchen where there may be easy access to sharp objects (including glass), that may be used as a weapon.
- Do not confront suspected drug activity while in the home.
- If a person in the home appears agitated or seems to be hallucinating or seeing “shadow people”, slow speech, keep your hands visible, and do not make written notes of your observations.
- Drive away slowly and carefully and be sure to be as calm as possible when leaving the home.
- If you suspect drug activity, make a non-work-related excuse to leave so that you may call for help.
- Do not make phone calls until you are out of view of the residence.

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