### WHY USE A REALTOR®



### IT PAYS TO USE A REALTOR®

Sellers who used a professional real estate agent received 18.7% more for their home than those who sold on their own.



# % WHO USED REALTOR® AS A SOURCE FOR THEIR HOME SEARCH





#### % OF BUYERS WHO USED INTERNET AS SOURCE



#### **ETHICAL TREATMENT**

Every REALTOR® makes a commitment to adhere to a strict Code of Ethics. They are also required to complete a refresher course every four years.

Source: National Association of RFALTORS®

## REALTOR® Code of Ethics



- 1. Protect and promote your client's interests, but be honest with all parties.
- Avoid exaggeration, misrepresentation, and concealment of pertinent facts. Do not reveal facts that are confidential under the scope of your agency relationship.
- 3. Cooperate with other real estate professionals to advance your client's best interests.
- 4. When buying or selling, make your position in the transaction or interest known.
- 5. Disclose present or contemplated interest in any property to all parties.
- Avoid side deals without your client's informed consent.
- Accept compensation from only one party, except with full disclosure and informed consent.
- 8. Keep the funds of clients and customers in escrow.
- Assure, whenever possible, that transactional details are in writing.
- 10. Provide equal service to all clients and customers.
- Be knowledgeable and competent in the fields of practice in which you ordinarily engage. Obtain assistance or disclose lack of experience if needed.
- 12. Present a true picture in your advertising and other public representations.
- 13. Do not engage in the unauthorized practice of law.
- Be a willing participant in Code enforcement procedures.
- 15. Ensure that your comments about other real estate professionals are truthful, and not misleading.
- 16. Respect the agency relationships and other exclusive relationships recognized by the law that other REALTORS® have with clients.
- 17. Arbitrate contractual and specific non-contractual disputes with other REALTORS® and with your clients.