

ADVISORY TO BUYER REGARDING RECORDING DEVICES

1 Recording devices are common, including inside and outside of properties. When buyers view a property for sale, the seller may be monitoring what
2 they say and do. Most sellers use recording devices for security purposes, but the devices can also gather information about a buyer. If buyers are
3 not careful, they can disclose all kinds of confidential information, from how much they might be willing to pay to how important it is to purchase the
4 property.

5 Buyers should be careful about what they say while touring a property. Because devices can be hidden, it is best to assume they are present and not
6 say anything that might weaken the buyer's bargaining position. If possible, buyers should wait until they are outside the property and outside the
7 range of monitoring devices before saying anything about the price, bidding strategy, or other important information.

8 Under Oregon law, it is illegal for anyone to "obtain" a conversation that they are not part of without the consent of at least one of the participants to
9 the discussion. The law does not state whether a warning sign makes the monitoring legal. Buyers who have questions about recording devices are
10 encouraged to talk with their real estate agent about secure communication while touring a property.

11 Buyers who have questions about what kind of monitoring is legal should seek legal counsel.

12 **ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** The undersigned Buyer(s) acknowledge that: (a) they have read and understand this advisory; and (b) they have been
13 provided with a copy for their own files.

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