

WIRE FRAUD SCHEMES

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY
WHEN BUYING A HOME



BE AWARE

Unfortunately, we live in a world where hackers are trying to steal your money every day. They use similar email address, steal logos and information to sound like they are someone you know and trust. They may even look just like the real estate agent, lender or title company you are working with but they are actually sending you fake wire instructions. Help protect yourself and your money with these simple tips.

BE VIGILANT

CALL, DON'T EMAIL

In the event of transferring money, confirm your wiring instructions by phone with a trusted phone number before processing any information. Do not use phone numbers or links from an email.

BE SUSPICIOUS

It is uncommon for a title company or lender to change wiring instructions and payment information by email. Ask the questions, this is your money and future on the line.

PROTECT YOUR MONEY

CONFIRM EVERYTHING

Before sending money or information over the internet, ask your bank to confirm the name on the account.

IMMEDIATELY VERIFY

Call the title company or real estate agent within 4-8 hours to confirm your money has been received.

FOLLOW THESE STEPS IF YOU HAVE BEEN TARGETED

IMMEDIATELY call your bank and ask them to issue a recall notice for your wire

REPORT the crime to www.IC3.gov

CALL your regional FBI office and police

DETECTING that you sent money to the wrong account within 24 hours is the best chance in recovering your money.

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