

DON'T GET SCAMMED

Protect Yourself from Real Estate Wire Fraud



WHAT IS WIRE FRAUD?



Wire fraud occurs when a bad actor is able to misdirect payments, typically through social engineering and impersonation via email, phone, and/or text message.

HOW WIRE FRAUD HAPPENS:

Public Info: Scammers start with easy-to-find details, like home sales or land records.

Impersonation: They pretend to be trusted people, like your agent or lawyer.

Hacked Emails: Your email might get hacked to make their messages seem real.

Fake Instructions: They send fake wire instructions that look legitimate.

Stolen Money: Once sent, the money quickly moves to hidden accounts, making it hard to trace or recover.

RED FLAGS

As scammers become more sophisticated, there are new red flags that emerge as more common.



SPOOFED EMAIL ADDRESSES

Scammers are getting better at making their emails look authentic. Always double-check the sender's email address for slight misspellings or extra characters.



LOOKALIKE WEBSITES

Fake websites are designed to steal your login credentials or other sensitive information. Ensure the URL is correct and begins with "https://" before entering any personal details.



URGENT LANGUAGE

Fraudulent parties will often show great urgency to get you to act quickly. Beware of claims that your transaction will be delayed or threatening language urging immediate action.

EASY-TO-SPOT SCAMS



- Poor grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Awkward phrasing or pronoun usage
- Strange spacing or capitalization
- Unfamiliar or altered email addresses
- Generic greetings like "Dear Customer"
- Unsolicited requests for personal info

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WIRE FRAUD



Verify Before You Act!

If you receive a suspicious email or text, contact companies directly using known contact details.



Use Pre-Determined, Secure Channels

Always use secure channels. Avoid email or text for sensitive information.



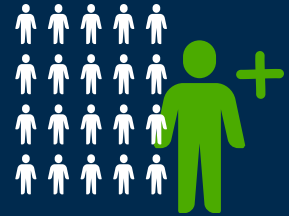
Report Suspicious Communications

Report to your title representative. **Do Not** reply or forward suspicious emails.

CONSUMERS ARE AT RISK



More than **1** in **20** home buyers/sellers become victims of fraud during a real estate transaction.



WE HAVE YOU COVERED

Champion Title, MBH Settlement Group, and District Title will NEVER accept or request changes to wiring instructions via email or fax. Reach out with any concerns or for more information.

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