WIRE SAFE™

IMPORTANT WIRE FRAUD ALERT FOR HOME BUYERS

Realtors®, real estate brokers, closing attorneys, buyers and sellers are targets for wire fraud and many have lost hundreds of thousands of dollars because they simply relied on the wire instructions received via email.

A fraudster will hack into a participant's email account to obtain information about upcoming real estate transactions. After monitoring the account to determine the likely timing of a closing, the fraudster will send an email to the buyer purporting to be the escrow agent or another party to the transaction. The fraudulent email will contain new wiring instructions or routing information, and will request that the buyer send funds to a fraudulent account.

We are urging everyone to **INQUIRE BEFORE YOU WIRE** and to never rely solely on email communication. Always follow these two simple steps:

INQUIRE BEFORE YOU WIRE.

When in doubt, always call our office or your closing agent/attorney.

For the best in service, remember to always insist on

STEP 1

Obtain the phone number of your Real Estate Broker, Realtor®, and Closing Agent/Attorney (if applicable) as soon as an order is opened. Complete the information below and keep this flyer in your closing folder.

STEP 2

Prior to wiring, call the phone number you wrote down from step #1 above to speak directly with your Closing Agent/Attorney to confirm wire instructions. If you receive a change in wiring instructions appearing to be from us or your Closing Agent/Attorney, be suspicious as we rarely change our wiring instructions.

FILE NUMBER

BROKER'S NAME/PHONE

REALTOR'S NAME/PHONE

CLOSING AGENT/ATTORNEY'S NAME

CLOSING AGENT/ATTORNEY'S PHONE

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