

PROTECT YOUR MONEY WHEN BUYING A HOME: YOUR WIRE FRAUD CHECKLIST



Every day, hackers try to steal your money by emailing fake wire instructions. Criminals will use a similar email address and steal a logo and other info to make it look like the email came from your real estate agent or title company.

You can protect yourself and your money by following the steps below.

- Don't send sensitive financial information via email. 
- Call, don't email. Confirm your wiring instructions by phone using a known number before transferring funds. 
- Don't use phone numbers or links from an email.
- Keep your email account clean, remove any stale messages. Hackers can watch your business patterns and use this information against you.
- Ask your bank to confirm the name on the account before sending a wire. 
- Call your title company or real estate agent at a known number within four to eight hours to confirm they have received your money.
- Ask your settlement agent and real estate agent what procedures they have in place to avoid cyber fraud. 



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