



# PROTECT YOUR MONEY WHEN BUYING A HOME FROM WIRE FRAUD SCHEMES

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 these steps:**

## BE VIGILANT



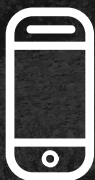
- **Call, don't email:** Confirm your wiring instructions by phone using a known number before transferring funds. Don't use phone numbers or links from an email.
- **Be suspicious:** It's uncommon for title companies to change wiring instructions and payment info by email.

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- **Confirm everything:** Ask your bank to confirm the name on the account before sending a wire.
- **Verify immediately:** Within four to eight hours, call the title company or real estate agent to confirm they received your money.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU'VE BEEN TARGETED



- **Immediately** call your bank and ask them to issue a recall notice for your wire
- **Report** the crime to [www.IC3.gov](http://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 of recovering your money.

For more information about the home closing process, please visit:

**[homeclosing101.org](http://homeclosing101.org)**

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