



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

Don't let hackers steal your money by emailing fake wire instructions. Criminals 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. **Protect yourself and your money by following these steps:**



### BE VIGILANT

- **Don't email:** Call to confirm your wiring instructions by phone using a known number before transferring funds. Don't use phone number or links from an email.
- **Be suspicious:** Title companies don't 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 title company or 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.

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