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PROTECT YOUR MONEY FROM WIRE FRAUD SCHEMES WHEN BUYING A HOME



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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, escrow, or title company. **You can protect yourself and your money by following these steps:**

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BE VIGILANT

- **Call , don't email:** confirm your wiring instructions by phone using a known number before transferring funds.
- **Be suspicious:** It's uncommon for escrow and title companies to change wiring instructions and payment info by email.



PROTECT YOUR MONEY

- **Confirm everything:** Ask our bank to confirm the name on the account before sending a wire.
- **Verify immediately:** Within four-eight hours, call the escrow or title company 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
- **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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