Wire fraud continues to impact the real estate industry, now with direct attacks on homebuyers. Using spoofed email addresses and phone numbers, cyber criminals ask the homebuyer to send deposit money or closing funds to a different bank account.

If you receive a phone call, text message or email indicating that the wiring instructions have changed – STOP. Immediately contact someone using a trusted phone number (not the number in the message or on the caller ID) and verify those instructions before you wire funds.

Many criminals use a sense of urgency to trick victims into thinking the funds must be sent immediately. Don't send your money under pressure. Call us at the phone number on this brochure first.

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Wire Fraud Prevention Plan:
Stop. Call. Verify.

Trusted Contact Information

Consider taking a photo of these numbers to have on-hand.

Property Address:

Street: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____)_____ - _____ Country: _____

Buyer(s)/Seller(s) Number(s):

(_____) _____ - _____

Real Estate Agent(s) Number(s):

(_____) _____ - _____

Lender Number:

(_____) _____ - _____

Attorney Number:

(_____) _____ - _____

In 2017, the Internet Crime Complaint Center (iC3) reported **over 300,000 complaints** with losses over **$1.4 Billion.**

$56 MILLION

from real estate transactions

- Federal Bureau of Investigation

If you receive an **EMAIL** message with wiring instructions

If you receive a **TEXT** with wiring instructions

If you receive a **PHONE CALL** with wiring instructions or to confirm receipt of email/text

CAUTION:
DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE!

Tell caller you are going to hang up and execute the **FRAUD PREVENTION PLAN**

CALL at least one of the numbers to the left (not a number provided in the email/text or by phone caller) → **TALK** to one or more of the trusted parties to the left to **VERIFY** the instructions → Send Wire