





# 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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