



Every day, hackers try to steal 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:** After initial wire instructions have been sent, it's uncommon for title companies to change these instructions.



### PROTECT YOUR MONEY

**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.

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