

Wire Fraud Warning

**Buyers and Sellers Beware:
Criminals are targeting real estate transactions.
Don't be a victim of wire fraud.**

What is wire fraud and how does it occur? Criminals are targeting real estate transactions by gaining access to electronic communications or sending emails that appear to be from a real estate agent, lender, title company, attorney or another source connected to the transaction. The communications often involve directions for wiring funds related to the transaction to a fraudulent account and often look legitimate. Once funds are wired to a fraudulent account, it is often impossible to retrieve them.

How can you protect yourself from wire fraud? The Party signing below acknowledges and agrees to:

- Never wire funds without personally speaking to the intended recipient of the wire to confirm the routing number and account number.
- Verify the authenticity of any electronic communication regarding wiring instructions, including any emails purporting to change the instructions, even if the communication appears to be authentic and from a legitimate source.
- Never send personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers or credit card numbers unless it is through a secure/encrypted email or by personally delivering the information to the recipient.
- Never click on attachments or links from unfamiliar sources. These attachments or links may contain malware that may allow a hacker to access your emails, accounts, and any other information on your computer.
- Always take steps to secure the system you are using with your email account such as using strong passwords and secure Wi-Fi.
- Immediately notify law enforcement, the lender, title agent, and the agents and firms in the transaction of any suspicious wire transfer instructions.

Notice: The agent and firm named below will never use any electronic communication, such as email, text messages, or social media messages to ask you to wire funds or provide personal information.

The firm and the agent named below have provided this Wire Fraud Warning.

(X) _____
Party Signature ▲ (Date) ▲

(X) _____
Party Signature ▲ (Date) ▲

Print Name

Print Name

(X) _____
Agent Signature ▲

Firm Name ▲

Print Agent's Name: _____

Property Address: _____