

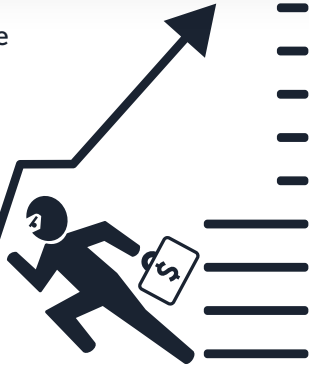
BEWARE WIRE FRAUD



Since 2013, there have been 22,000 reported cases of wire fraud involving losses of

\$3.1 BILLION.*

- FinCEN



In 2016 the Internet Crime Complaint Center saw a
480%
increase in complaints from title companies targeted by email scams.**
- FBI



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

FRAUDULENT WIRING instructions are being sent to real estate agents, title companies and customers

IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE A VICTIM:



BE WARY of free, web-based email accounts; they are easily hacked.



ALWAYS VERIFY changes in payment instructions and confirm requests for transfer of funds.



BE SUSPICIOUS of requests for secrecy or pressure to take action quickly.



Using a previously known phone number, call the supposed sender of the email to authenticate the change request - don't call the number on the email.



If you suspect fraud, immediately notify the financial institutions and escrow agent involved in the transaction.



Contact your local law enforcement authorities, and file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.



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