

# WIRE FRAUD ALERT

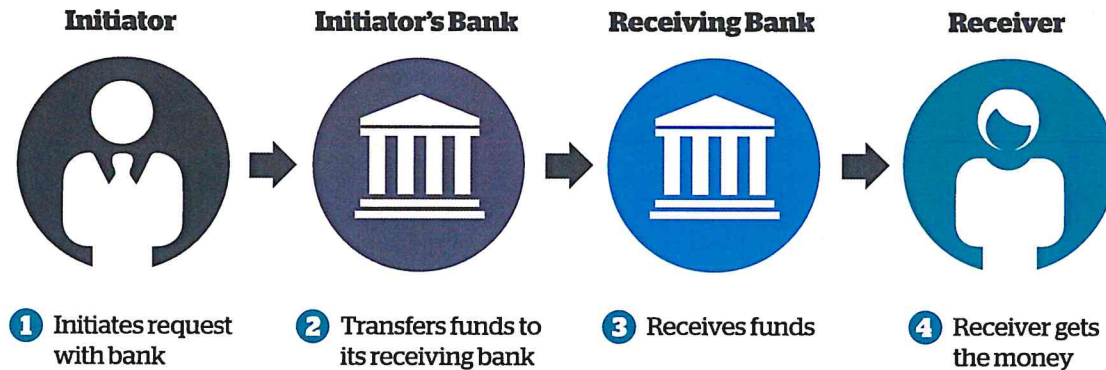
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## HOW A WIRE TRANSFER WORKS



**All parties associated with real estate transactions face the risk of losing their money to wire fraud. To ensure this doesn't happen to you we recommend the following strategies.**

### TIPS TO ENSURE SECURE WIRE TRANSFER

- » Most compromises happen because buyers follow the wrong wiring instructions. Making sure your wire instructions are authentic, **BEFORE SENDING THE MONEY**, is the most important step.
- » Hackers use email to convince buyers their wire instructions have changed. **NEVER EVER** rely on email communication, always verify by calling the title company directly.
- » When calling the title company to verify, always use a familiar phone number. **NEVER** call a phone number contained in an email. Call your attorney directly for the title company contact information. If you don't have the title company's contact information, call your attorney.
- » **BE AWARE.** Entering into a real estate transaction is a long process. Be mindful that you are a target for hackers and follow extreme caution when communicating via email.

For more information on wire-fraud scams or to report an incident, please refer to the following links:

**Federal Bureau of Investigation:**  
<http://www.fbi.gov>

**Internet Crime Complaint Center:**  
<http://www.ic3.gov>

**Attorneys' Title Guaranty Fund, Inc.**  
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