



## WIRE FRAUD ALERT THINK DIFFERENTLY

Email-based, real estate fraud schemes are on the rise. One common scenario is altering wiring instructions with the intention of rerouting funds.

Keeping this in mind, First American Title is changing the way we receive payment information. It is imperative that we are familiar with the people in our transactions.

**RELYING ON EMAIL ALONE IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.**

# PRECAUTIONS



## YOU SHOULD BE **AWARE OF**

IN THE REAL ESTATE CLOSING PROCESS



### DO NOT TRUST EMAILED INSTRUCTIONS

Fraudsters often use email to send falsified wire instructions to unsuspecting victims. Please warn your buyers and sellers to only follow wire instructions they receive personally from First American Title.

Additionally, we will not accept disbursement instructions for seller or buyer funds via email OR from any third party (attorney, real estate agent, etc).



### ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONS?

If your buyer or seller receives alternative wiring instructions that appear to be from First American Title, make sure they contact their escrow officer at a trusted phone number for confirmation.

Know that our wiring instructions do not change so any communication is suspect. Our banking institution is First American Trust.

**IN SHORT** – wire instructions will not be accepted by email. New wire instructions must be hand-carried.

*Thank you for joining First American Title in fostering a secure real estate transaction process. Have questions or concerns? Please feel free to contact our office or your escrow officer.*



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