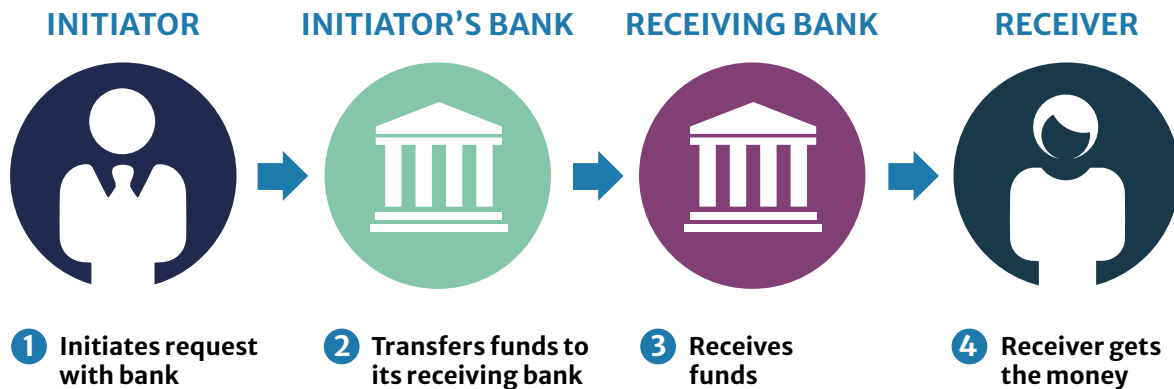


Wire Fraud Alert

Strategies to Keep Your Funds Safe

How a Wire Transfer Works



All Parties Face the Risk of Losing Their Money to Wire Fraud Ensure it Doesn't Happen to You

Tips to Ensure Secure Wire Transfer

- >> **Confirm wire instructions. Most compromises happen because buyers follow the wrong instructions.** Making sure your wire instructions are authentic, before sending the money, is the most important step.
- >> **Never rely on email communication regarding a change in wire instructions. Hackers use email to convince buyers of a change in wire instructions.** Always verify by calling the title company directly.
- >> **Use a familiar phone number to call the title company.** Do not rely on a phone number in what could be a fraudulent email message. If you don't have the title company's contact information, check the website or contact 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>