

# REAL ESTATE SCAMS

Protect Yourself. Your Safety is Key.

## MOST COMMON SCAMS



### WIRE FRAUD

Scammer tricks person into sending the down payment/closing costs to them instead of the right person.



### TITLE FRAUD

Scams that involve the theft of a property title.



### FAKE RENTAL FRAUD

Scammers list properties that don't exist to trick renters into sending them money.

## WARNING SIGNS

- Requests personal or financial information.
- Pressure to act immediately.
- Demands home buyer to wire them money.
- Unsolicited offers.
- If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

## REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR

- Call 911 immediately if you feel threatened.
- Notify local law enforcement.
- File complaint with FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/>.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>

## BE PROACTIVE

- Keep your personal and financial information secure.
- Verify any company, person or payment instructions before conducting business.
- Be suspicious of links and attachments from unknown email addresses.
- Always meet new clients at the office or in a neutral location.
- Use SafeShowings Enterprise app. It will automatically notify contacts with identifying details and geolocation in an emergency. Sign up at [www.safeshowings.com/free4me](http://www.safeshowings.com/free4me).



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