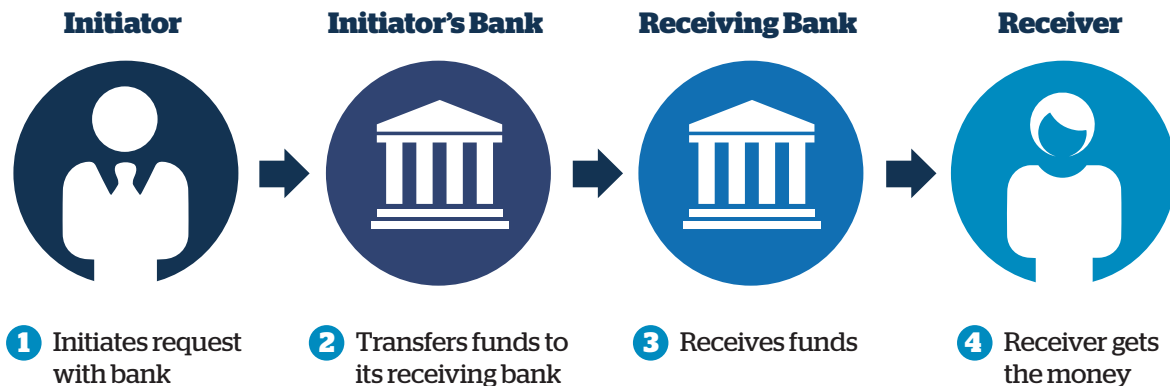


WIRE FRAUD ALERT

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ



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>

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