

BEWARE WIRE FRAUD

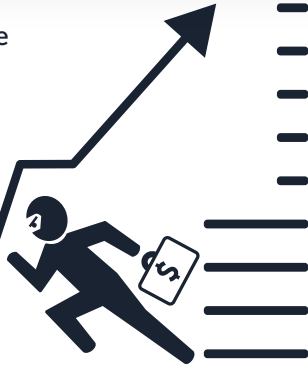
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Since 2013, there have been 22,000 reported cases of wire fraud involving losses of

**\$3.1
BILLION.***

- FinCEN



From 2015 to 2017, there was over an

1100%

rise in the number of victims reporting the real estate transaction angle and an almost 2200% rise in the reported monetary loss.**

- FBI



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

FRAUDULENT WIRING instructions are being sent to real estate agents, title companies and customers

IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT BE A **VICTIM**:



PASSWORD
X X X X X X

BE WARY of free, web-based email accounts; they are easily hacked.



ALWAYS VERIFY changes in payment instructions and confirm requests for transfer of funds.



BE SUSPICIOUS of requests for secrecy or pressure to take action quickly.

1



Using a previously known phone number, call the supposed sender of the email to authenticate the change request - don't call the number on the email.

2



If you suspect fraud, immediately notify the financial institutions and escrow agent involved in the transaction.

3



Contact your local law enforcement authorities, and file a complaint with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center.

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