

YOU HOLD THE KEY TO FRAUD PREVENTION

FRAUD IN A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT EVERY PARTICIPANT.

The best defense is vigilance and a determination to TRUST, BUT VERIFY when suspicions arise.

North American Title has earned Best Practices Certification, offering you the assurance that we adhere to the highest standards in the industry. This means we employ strict procedures designed to protect your identity, insure your transaction and secure your money. But as a consumer, there are important safeguards you can put into place as well.

Know your service providers

- ▶ Make sure you are dealing with licensed, trained professionals.
- ▶ Research service providers, comparing fees and services, including real estate agents, lenders, and title and closing services.
- ▶ If you feel uncomfortable at any stage of the transaction, consult a financial advisor or attorney

Protect your identity

- ▶ Do not email personal identity information, such as Social Security numbers or account numbers.
- ▶ Do not discard documents with personal identity information: Store in a safe place or shred when no longer needed.
- ▶ If your service providers are asking for information via email, pick up the phone and verify the request before sending anything.

Be prepared

- ▶ **Buyer beware!** Research and understand the real estate transaction so you know your rights and are prepared to identify unusual or suspicious circumstances.
- ▶ Always demand a full explanation for any funds requested and ask for signed receipts.
- ▶ Ask questions! Professional service providers are eager to educate and help you through the process. If someone is being evasive, this is a **RED FLAG!**

North American Title offers highly trained professionals who are eager to assist you as you navigate your real estate transaction.

Check out all of the resources at www.nat.com, including:

- ▶ Fraud prevention in a real estate transaction: www.nat.com/PreventFraud
- ▶ Video tutorials on every aspect of your transaction: www.nat.com/NATTV
- ▶ Identity theft repair services offer if you close with North American Title: www.nat.com/All-Clear-ID.aspx
- ▶ The advantages of working with a Best Practices Certified Company: www.nat.com/BPCertificationAdvantages.aspx



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