



NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® — 2025 WIRE FRAUD ADVISORY



ATTENTION BUYERS AND SELLERS: WIRE FRAUD ALERT

- Criminals are hacking email accounts of real estate Brokers, title companies, settlement attorneys and others, resulting in fraudulent wire instructions being used to divert funds to the account of the criminal.
- The emails look legitimate, but they are not.
- Buyer and Seller are advised not to wire any funds without personally speaking with the intended recipient of the wire to confirm the routing number and the account number.
- Buyer and Seller should NOT send personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers and credit card numbers except through secured email or personal delivery to the intended recipient.

BUYER AND SELLER ARE ADVISED TO:

- Never wire funds without personally speaking with the intended recipient of the wire to confirm the routing number and account number.
- Verify that the contact information for the wire transfer recipient is legitimate. Buyer and seller should each call using a phone number that has been independently obtained, not the phone number contained in the email containing the wiring instructions.
- Never send personal information such as social security numbers, bank account numbers and credit card numbers, unless it is through secured/encrypted email or personal delivery to the intended recipient.
- Take steps to secure the system you are using with your email account such as using strong passwords and secure Wi-Fi.
- If you believe you have received questionable or suspicious wire transfer instructions, **IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY** your bank, the escrow agent, and your real estate broker.

If you suspect that you have been victimized by wire fraud, immediately contact the Albuquerque, New Mexico FBI field office at: (505) 889-1300 or <https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/albuquerque>

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read, understood and received a copy of this Wire Fraud Advisory.

 *William J Peacock*

Buyer/Seller Signature

Carey L Peacock

Buyer/Seller Signature

BUYER(S) or SELLER(S)

William J Peacock

Printed Name

05/03/25 2:33 PM

Date

Time

Carey L Peacock

Printed Name

05/03/25 2:38 PM

Date

Time

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