

Prevention

- Inform prospective buyers about this fraud
- Buyers should confirm wiring instructions prior to sending
- Consider using a secure transaction management platform
- Never click on links or attachments in unverified emails
- Monitor your email account settings
- Regularly purge email
- Employ strong password practices

Damage Control

- Contact the FBI
- Contact financial institutions
- Report to local police
- Change passwords
- Run anti-virus
- Contact insurance as appropriate

NAR Resources

Wire Fraud Landing Page: <https://www.nar.realtor/topics/wire-fraud>

Video Alerts and Education:

<https://www.nar.realtor/videos/wire-fraud-alert-for-buyers>

<https://www.nar.realtor/videos/window-to-the-law-data-security-program-basics>

<https://www.nar.realtor/videos/window-to-the-law-cyberscams-and-the-real-estate-professional>

Data Privacy and Security: <http://www.nar.realtor/topics/data-privacy-and-security/resources>

Data Security and Privacy Toolkit: <http://www.nar.realtor/law-and-ethics/nars-data-security-and-privacy-toolkit>

Articles:

- <http://www.nar.realtor/articles/request-to-redirect-funds-should-trigger-caution>
- <http://www.nar.realtor/articles/internet-security-best-practice>
- <https://www.nar.realtor/articles/urgent-alert-sophisticated-email-scams-targeting-the-real-estate-industry>