



# Be aware of **EMAIL SPOOFING**

**EMAIL SPOOFING** is the forgery of an email so the message appears to be sent from someone other than the actual source. Email spoofing is a tactic used in "phishing" and "spam" campaigns. The goal is to get you to open the email and possibly respond to it.

These spoofing scams have become very sophisticated. In the real estate industry, wire fraud is on the rise due to email spoofing and other criminal tactics. Orange Coast Title Company and its Family of Companies are doing everything we can to eliminate this threat from our customers and clients.



## **CALL BACK PROCEDURE**

If you receive an email asking you to wire funds to an account, always contact the intended recipient by telephone to verify the validity of the request and the bank account information. Do not use any phone numbers listed in the email. Use a safe and known number to contact the intended recipient.

If you receive a phone call asking you to wire funds and the phone number matches the intended recipient of your funds, do not wire until you have contacted them yourself to verify the information received. These criminals can contact you with "burner phones" that can display any number they want on your caller ID.

Be aware that other entities are being targeted as well such as taxing authorities, bank branches, utility companies, bill collectors and more.

**DO NOT GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION OR SEND ANY FUNDS  
TO ANYONE WITHOUT CALL BACK VERIFICATION.**

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