

Real Estate Cybercrime: What Every Agent & Lender Needs to Know



Protect Your Clients. Protect Your Closings.

Insights for Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, & West Virginia real estate professionals

All information based on 2025 data.

\$275M+

Lost to real estate fraud in 2025

↑ 59%

Increase from previous year

Cybercrime is now one of the **largest financial threats** in real estate transactions.

Cybercrime At a Historic Level

\$20.8B

Total cybercrime losses

\$3.04B

From email/wire fraud (BEC)

1M+

Complaints filed with FBI

85%

Of losses come from fraud—not hacking

Wire Fraud Reality

93% of title companies targeted by phishing

60%+ targeted by wire fraud attempts

95% say fraud risk is increasing

How Fraudsters Impersonate Trusted Professionals

Agent 58%

Title Company 41%

Loan Officer 34%

Messages often look legitimate—and urgent.

Consumer Risk + Awareness Gap

1 in 4 buyers/sellers receive suspicious messages

1 in 20 become victims

52% unaware of wire fraud risks

3X higher risk for first-time buyers

A More Secure Closing Experience

Powered by advanced fraud protection technology

- Identity verification tools
- Controlled communication channels
- Secure client portal (no sensitive email sharing)
- Real-time fraud monitoring
- Attorney-managed oversight
- Verified wire instructions

BesTitle leverages secure closing technology to reduce risk at every step.

Don't trust email alone. Always verify wiring instructions through a secure, trusted source.

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