



**Be Smart.  
Be Safe.  
Be Cyber-Secure.**

## 8 Cybersecurity Commandments

- 1 **Document all approved parties' contact information** at the start of a transaction.
- 2 **Encrypt all emails** containing wire instructions or other sensitive data.
- 3 **Use ONLY trusted, secure email accounts** for communications and transactions - NEVER use free or web-based accounts.
- 4 **Prior to closing, execute an agreement** determining the method of funds transfer with the seller/borrower.
- 5 **Regard any request for deviation** from the established funding agreement **as suspicious**.
- 6 **Confirm wiring instructions** and receipt of wired funds verbally with documented approved parties.
- 7 **Slow down.** A slow, confirmed closing is always preferred over one that could be compromised.
- 8 **DON'T WAIT!** If you suspect fraud, contact your bank and appropriate authorities immediately.

## You Are Not Immune

**Between 2015 and 2018, real estate transaction scams increased more than 1,000%.\***

It's National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, and The Fund wants you to be more than aware; **we want you to be smart, safe and cyber-secure every month.**

\*<https://www.ic3.gov/media/2018/180712.aspx>

## What else can you do?

Go to The Fund's Information Center and click on the Information Security section for downloads, webinars, and valuable tips, links and resources to help protect your practice against cyberattacks and fraud.

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