

To: All Policy Issuing Agents of WFG National Title Insurance Company

From: WFG Underwriting Department

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Subject: Secret Service Cybercrime Bulletin on Real Estate Scams

The Secret Service has updated its Spring, 2022 Bulletin on Seller Impersonation Scams to reflect a variation in the fraudulent scheme.

In addition to impersonating a seller, the impersonator refers the real estate agent/buyers to their "preferred" title agent/company. The "preferred" agent/company is fake, but it may have a similar name and website domain to an actual agent/company which is then used to add legitimacy to the seller impersonation. (www.atitlecompany.com becomes www.attitlecompany.com)

Be especially wary of fake title agents/companies in split closing situations or when you are asked to wire seller proceeds to a title agent/company.

Please take the time to review the <u>Secret Service Bulletin</u> which is attached in its entirety as it contains helpful tips.

Above all else, please share the Secret Service Bulletin with real estate agents and loan officers who refer business to you.

Information Bulletins are designed to provide our agents with information we think will help in managing their business or just being better title professionals, but which does not rise to the level of being an underwriting mandate and are not within the scope of the agency agreement.