

A person wearing a dark hoodie is centered in the upper half of the image. The background is a blue-toned digital landscape with binary code (0s and 1s) and a grid of light points. In the foreground, a computer keyboard is visible, with keys labeled 'Esc', 'Psc', 'F1', 'F2', 'F3', 'F4', and '@'. A large, bright green diagonal shape cuts across the bottom right of the image.

NATIONWIDE FRAUD ALERT

Chicago Title would like to remind you that the computer hackers are still working hard to scam all of us.

One of our local offices recently received an email trying to defer the commission on a closing to the hacker's account and luckily, our escrow staff realized the request was out of the ordinary for the realtor and called to verify. It was determined the realtor's email had been hacked!

There is not a week that goes by without our National Escrow Administrators being notified by settlement agents from all over the country about hackers' attempts to have proceeds or commissions redirected from a closing. This is why we emphasize time after time **why it is so important for us to encrypt our email when transmitting such sensitive information to our clients.** When you are ready to send your wiring instructions or banking information to us, ask your escrow officer to initiate an encrypted email message and send to you, as the email recipient you can send back your information via a return encrypted email, this will avoid any information being sent in an unsecured, unencrypted message, which dangerously expose yourself to the world of the unknown.



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