

Consumer Alert!

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IS IT STILL YOUR HOME?

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What is on your “to do” list this week? Grocery shopping, mow the lawn, take a vacation, buy school clothes for the kids, and check with the County Clerk to see if your home is still in your name? Why would you need to call the County Clerk? You haven’t sold your house. It should still be in your name. Not necessarily. Enterprising scammers have ways of transferring your property into their names without your knowledge. Most victims discover the switch when they try to sell or refinance their home. So if you plan to do anything with your home it might be wise to contact your County Clerk and make sure the property is still legally listed in your name.

If you live in Arapahoe County, protecting your property just became easier. Starting this month, the Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder launched a new service that will automatically notify you if any transactions involving your property are recorded in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office. To avail yourself of this free service, simply go to:

<http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CR/index.asp>

Look for the “Helpful Resources Section” on the bottom third of the page and click on “Fraud Detection”.

The form is easy to fill out and will take you less than five minutes. If you don’t live in Arapahoe County, check with your County Clerk to see if they have a similar program.



Need help?

Call the Consumer Protection Line

720-874-8547