

## **Beware: Fraud Happens**

Helping protect law firms and notaries against identity fraud!

Fraud Happens. It happens to newly appointed lawyers and notaries, seasoned lawyers and notaries, and everyone in between.

Make no mistake, today's fraudsters are highly sophisticated. Their sole focus is to make you believe they are the true owners of the property. They will have remarkably good fake ID's, well-prepared backstories and be very convincing.

Be alert and use all resources available to prevent identity fraud from happening.

## WE CAN HELP!

When conducting a real estate transaction, there are 2 things that you must be certain of:

- 1. The pieces of identification presented are real and valid;
- 2. The individual claiming the identity is who they say they are.

Chicago Title Insurance Company has resources to help you determine the validity of identification, <u>please see</u> <u>this short video</u> for more information.

To bring even more to the table when it comes to preventing fraud, Chicago Title Insurance Company offers the **ID Verification Service**. This service will check the identity of the client (purchaser, borrower) against a variety of data sources to help validate the identity of the person.

The knowledge-based authentication process uses information that should only be known by the client. Only the identity owner should be able to correctly answer the questions when having their identity verified.

This service is available only to Canadian residents with at least 6 months of credit history.

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You can use the ID Verification Service for all title insurance policies ordered with Chicago Title Insurance Company. The fee is \$25 plus tax per individual verified. Upon completion of the verification of the identity, you will get a pass or failed report.

Please note that this ID Verification Service will not affect the client's credit. We do not have access to any financial or personal information contained in their credit history.

Chicago Title Insurance Company will mandate ID Verification in some instances based on pre-established criteria. When the ID Verification Service is mandated by Chicago Title Insurance Company, a fee of \$25 plus tax per individual will be added to the title insurance invoice.

The Chicago Title Insurance Company team is dedicated to protecting all parties, lenders and legal professionals involved in a residential or commercial estate transaction.

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HST- ON, NB, NL, NS, and PEI

GST and QST- QC

Let's work together to reduce identity fraud and add an additional level of security.



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