

WISCONSIN TITLE FRAUD ALERT

Wisconsin counties offer free [Property Fraud Alert](#) systems through local Register of Deeds offices, allowing property owners to monitor their property records for fraudulent activity. These systems, notify users via email or phone if documents are recorded under their name, acting as an early warning for potential, though rare, title theft.

Key Aspects of Wisconsin Property Fraud Alerts:

- **Free Service:** These services are provided by individual county offices, not a single state-wide database.
- **How it Works:** Users register their name(s) and property to receive alerts when documents (deeds, liens) are filed in that county.
- **Not a Preventive Tool:** These systems do not prevent fraudulent documents from being recorded; they only notify you after the fact.
- **Action Required:** If fraudulent activity is suspected, you must act, which may include contacting local law enforcement or the Register of Deeds.

How to Sign Up:

- Visit the specific county's Register of Deeds website where the property is located.
- You must sign up for each county individually if you own property in multiple locations.

Common Questions:

What is a Notification of Recording?

Property Fraud Alert/Land Notification is a free service that works to alert property owners against the possibilities of fraudulent activity being committed against their property.

When will I be notified about potential fraudulent activity against my property?

Once you sign up for the Fraud Alert/Land Notification system you will be notified any time there is recording activity association WITH YOUR NAME, in that county. Of course, if you have a common name (example Joe Jones) you may be notified more frequently than if you have a more unique name. Consequently, for a common name you may receive a 'false positive' notification from time to time.

How will I be notified about potential fraudulent activity against my property?

If a document is recorded with a WI Register of Deeds Office which is associated with your name, then you will be automatically notified via email, provided you have signed up in the county where the document is recorded. **Notification is given promptly, allowing you the opportunity to possibly save yourself time and avoid paying large legal fees if the document recorded is determined to be fraudulent.**

What should I do if I'm notified about a recording and I think it's fraudulent?

If you suspect that you are a victim of fraud, please seek legal advice and/or contact local law enforcement.