

Your home is your most valuable asset and should be protected. This is why you should know of a federal crime where criminals are stealing homes without the owners knowing.

Deed fraud is a White Collar Crime that is on the rise! Scammers create fake deeds by using public property information and forging the original owner's signature and recording it in the county the property sits in. Once this fake deed is recorded, they could sell your home or rent it out!

If you become a victim of this crime, you may face significant financial loss and legal complications in trying to reclaim your property.

Luckily, you can get ahead of the game to protect your most valuable asset and you! The county you live in has also teamed up with the federal government to provide a free portal to register your home and be alerted if a potential scam is taking place against you and your property.

Below is a list of various county recorder websites offering registration of your property. Before you sign up, make sure to have your **PIN** # of your property (located on your recent tax bill or deed), and look up the **name(s)** in which the property is titled under. This could be an individual, trust or business. Find your county and register below. I want you all to win!

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# COUNTY RECORDER FREE DEED FRAUD ALERT PROGRAM

#### **Cook County:**

https://crs.cookcountyclerkil.gov/public/pfa/signup

## **DuPage County:**

https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/ILDupage

#### **Kane County:**

https://lrs.kanecountyrecorder.net/

## Will County:

https://willcountyrecorder.com/Programs/Property-Fraud-Alert

#### Lake County:

https://www.lakecountyil.gov/2350/Property-Check

## McHenry:

https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/departments/county-recorder/property-fraud-alert