



Vacant, often remote land, has proven to be at higher risk for potential fraud.

Sign Up for Fraud Alert Notifications

pfa.uslandrecords.com

Helpful Tips if you Suspect Fraud

- File A Police Report
- File a Report with the FBI @ ic3.gov
- Contact your Municipal Tax Collector
- Close Unauthorized Accounts
- Contact Mortgage Lender
- Retain Theft-Related Records

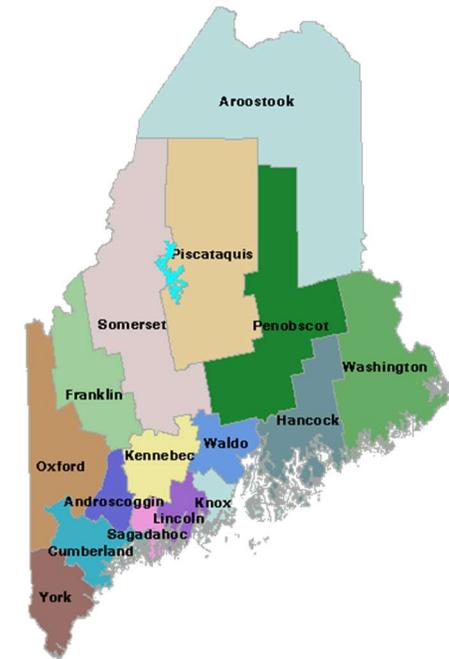
Credit Bureau Contact Numbers:
Experian 1.800.397.3742
Transunion 1.800.680.7289
Equifax 1.800.766.0008

How Can I Protect My Investment?

- Keep Track of your Mail
Are you receiving all your mail, or is there something missing? Someone could have changed your mailing address.
- Monitor Your Credit Report
You're entitled to a FREE credit report annually from the three major reporting agencies.
- Be Cautious with your Personal Information
Shred unwanted documents. Do NOT carry your SSN or Birth Certificate with you. And, do NOT share personal information over the phone or online unless you're positive of your interaction.
- Keep an Eye on your Property
Look for suspicious activity such as strangers coming and going. Report suspicious activity to the police. Install security cameras.



Property unencumbered by liens has proven to be at higher risk of fraud.



MAINE REGISTERS OF DEEDS ASSOCIATION

Fraud Awareness & Alerts



Deed Fraud~ Do I Need To Worry?

Property Deeds

What is a Property Deed?

A property deed is a document that transfers ownership from one person to another. Your deed is recorded by the County Registry of Deeds office.

Whose Name is on a Deed?

If you own the property, it will be yours (and a joint owner if you have designated one).

How do I Protect My Deed?

It takes your signature to finalize the transfer of a property. Never sign any real estate paperwork under pressure. Take documents to a reputable lawyer to be sure of what you're signing.

Properties with Increased Risk

(Source: FBI-November 2024)

- Land Only
- Vacant Homes
- Investment/Vacation Homes
- Property Clear of a Mortgage
- Property Remotely Located

*County Registries of Deeds are One of
MANY Resources in the Awareness of
Property Fraud*

Is My Property at Risk?

Pay Attention for:

- Notice of Open Accounts or Invoices you DID NOT Authorize
- Denial of Credit
- IRS Notice of Unpaid Taxes
- Calls from Debt Collectors you DO NOT Recognize
- Discovering your Home or Rental Property has been SOLD or Rented without your knowledge

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

BE AWARE
EDUCATE YOURSELF
TAKE ACTION

Who We Are

The Maine Registers of Deeds Association is represented by 17 Registers of Deeds and our Deputy Registers across Maine's 16 counties.

A snapshot of our responsibilities:

- Stewards of County Land Records
- Meet Monthly to Provide Consistent Practice
- Uphold State Statute
- Adhere to National and State Archival Requirements and Guidelines
- Work with Maine Revenue to Collect Appropriate Real Estate Transfer Tax

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