



SELLER IMPERSONATION & ABSENTEE OWNER FRAUD SCAMS ARE ON THE RISE.

Absentee owners of real property are often the target of criminals who pose as the owner offering the home or property for sale or as collateral for a new loan. The criminals behind this scam are quite sophisticated and regularly armed with non-public information and identification of the actual property owner.

These imposters have been known to sell the property and get away with the sale proceeds or strip any equity in the property with a new loan. The real property owner often has no idea their property has been the subject of a real estate transaction until it is *too late*.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

As part of our ongoing effort to **detect and prevent seller impersonation and absentee owner scams**, we have partnered with MiTek Systems and their identity document authentication software.

WHEN DOES THIS APPLY?

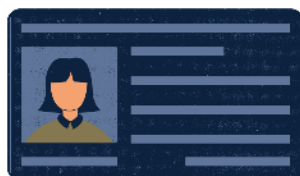
For certain transactions where the property is vacant or non-owner occupied, MiTek's software allows us to **verify the identification** of a principal to the real estate transaction as soon as the order is opened with us. Once the principal has received the request, they will be guided through the steps.

All you need to get started:



CELL PHONE OR COMPUTER WITH WEBCAM

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APPROVED FORM OF IDENTIFICATION