

Since 2009,
Land Registry has
stopped more than
200 fraud cases



4 top tips to protect your home from property fraud

Fraudsters are becoming ever more inventive and successful in committing fraud and property owners are at risk. So this month, we look at easy ways to protect your home.

Whether you are a first-time buyer, or are already on the property ladder, property fraud can happen to anyone. Although rare, the results can be devastating and taking a few simple steps will help stop fraudsters from targeting your home.

What is property fraud?

Property fraud involves fraudsters stealing your identity and then impersonating you to sell or re-mortgage your property.

Am I at risk from property fraud?

You are more at risk from property fraud if your identity has been stolen, you rent out your property or you live overseas.

OR, if your property is empty, is mortgage-free or is not registered with HM Land Registry.*

4 TOP TIPS

■ Register your property

*Your property will be registered if you bought or mortgaged your property since 1998. It is important to ensure your property is registered. If your property is not registered, then no compensation is payable.

How we can help

Osborne Morris & Morgan carry out extensive checks and searches when dealing with property transactions, and ensure ID's of all parties involved have been thoroughly checked.

We also understand the importance of having an experienced conveyancing solicitor on your side when buying or selling a home, so call us today on **01525 450520** or visit our website **www.ommlaw.co.uk**.

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■ Keep your details up to date

Once registered, ensure your contact details are up-to-date so you can be easily reached should there be a query or issue.

■ Sign up for the free Property Alert service

HM Land Registry's award-winning service helps owners to guard against property fraud. If there is certain activity on the monitored property (e.g. if someone applies for a mortgage on it) you will receive an alert.

While this will not automatically block any changes to the register, it does mean you are aware of it and able to act.

■ Property at risk? Request a restriction

If you feel your property might be at risk of property fraud you can have a restriction entered on it. This is designed to help prevent forgery by requiring a solicitor or conveyancer to certify they are satisfied that the person selling or mortgaging the property is you.

Otherwise, a fee of £40 is payable.

Are you safe from property fraud?

Property fraud can happen to anyone, at any time.

We carry out extensive checks and services during property transactions so that we can help you protect your family and home from fraudsters.

Contact us today

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The value
of property fraud
has reached
£24.9m
this year

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