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Picks and Tips from Mike the Locksmith

From the World of Mike-the-Locksmith

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop

Hope that you are having an enjoyable summer.



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Have a security concern or need some sound advice? Give us a call; we're happy to help.

Just give us a call at 240-506-7500.

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Dull, Boring and Bland Forge a Bond

Maybe you know a
dull, bland
locksmith from
Boring?

When the Scottish village of Dull teamed up with the US town of Boring in 2012, the two communities with uninspiring names became unlikely tourist destinations. [Here's a short video](#)

And now the Australian region of Bland wants in on the deal - with officials revealing Ordinary and Dreary, both here in the States, may not be far behind.

Dull found its geographical soulmate when Scottish citizen Elizabeth Leighton, who lives nearby, rode through Boring while on a cycle trip in America and phoned home with the idea to twin them.

[Read more here](#)



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Wire Fraud: Real Estate Transactions

Because many real estate professionals use unsecured means of communication (Gmail, Yahoo, AOL) with their clients, title agencies and mortgage lenders, the incidents of real estate wire fraud are growing. These types of email accounts often do not require additional forms of

authentication and thereby make it easier for hackers to gain access to emails concerning high-dollar transactions. Only last week, did I hear a banker talk about one of his customers that was duped into wiring \$90,000 to someone pretending to be his agent.

If you are in the mists of a real estate transaction and are "informed" of a change in wiring instructions because "the seller has an issue with his bank" or for any other reason, please make sure to scrutinize the email address and call your agent to verify the change.

[Here's a link](#) to an article from Law360 and [an article](#) from the FTC.

Below are some tips for Real Estate Professionals:

- Use your company email address. This will afford you greater protections against hackers
- Use digital signatures for messages
- Use encryption to communicate with clients
- Frequently change your password



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