

# PROPERTY FRAUD ALERT

## SIGNUP INFORMATION

Buffalo County: <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/WIBuffalo>

- Enter the above website address, this will take you directly to the Buffalo County Property Fraud Alert page
- Click “Continue.”
- Review the Disclaimer page, scroll to the bottom of the page, click the “I agree...” checkbox, then click “Continue.”
- Enter your personal name or business name (see below for more information).

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

- **NO COST:** The Property Fraud Alert service is free for those who sign up.
- **PHONE/TEXT:** Any text or phone call alert will come from this number: **563-227-9102**
  - You will get a message after you sign up.
  - It is recommended that you enter this number into your phone contacts as “Property Fraud Alert” so you recognize a text or call from the service.
  - A phone call or email alert will list specifics of the document that was recorded that triggered the alert along with a phone number to call to get more information.
  - A text alert will include a link to tap to receive more information along with a phone number to call to get more information.
- **EMAIL:** An email alert will come from this address: [alert@propertyfraudalert.com](mailto:alert@propertyfraudalert.com)
- You can enter as many personal and/or business names as you wish. You can also sign up for the same name or business multiple times and request a different contact method (email, text, phone call) for each entry.
- **NAME ENTRY TIPS:**
  - **FIRST NAME:**
    - Do NOT enter a suffix (Jr, Sr, etc.) or middle name or initial in the “First Name” field.
    - If your name can be spelled multiple ways (ex: Stephen or Steven, Stacey or Stacy, etc.), you can make multiple, separate entries for each possible version of your name. You can also enter only a few letters of the name (ex: Ste, Stac, etc.) – the PFA service will identify any letters entered. *It is NOT recommended that you enter only the first letter of your first name.*
    - *Please note:* If you enter only a few letters you may receive an alert intended for someone else with a similar name that doesn’t apply to you. You could also receive alerts that don’t apply to you if there are more than one person with the same name.
  - **BUSINESS NAME & LAST NAME:**

- Enter a business name in the “Business/Trust” section exactly as the business name is spelled. Consider asking the Recorder/Register office how they index the business name then enter the business name in this format.
  - Since words like “Corporation,” “Incorporated,” “LLC,” etc. may be indexed differently in various offices, it may be best to NOT enter these words at the end of your business name entry.
  - You can make multiple, separate entries for each possible version of your business name.
  - The above information applies to Last Name entry also. If your last name can be indexed multiple ways (ex: Van Buren or VanBuren), consider making separate entries for each possible version.
- For TRUSTS:
- Consider asking the Recorder/Register office how they index trusts then enter your trust in this format in the “Business/Trust” section.
    - If you are uncertain how the end of the trust name will be indexed (ex: “Revocable Trust” or “Trust”), you can simply enter the individual name portion of the trust in the “Business or Trust Name” field. For example, if a trust is indexed as: “JOHN H SMITH REVOCABLE TRUST”, a PFA entry of “JOHN H SMITH” will trigger an alert since the service will identify any value that starts with “JOHN H SMITH” (and any values after this).
  - If you are uncertain how the trust will be indexed, consider making separate entries for each possible version of the trust.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** <https://www.propertyfraudalert.com/about> or call our office at 608-685-6230.