

WHAT IS TITLE INSURANCE & HOW DOES IT PROTECT YOU



To put it simply, title insurance is a way to protect yourself from financial loss and related legal expenses in the event there is a defect in title to your property that is covered by the policy. Title insurance differs from other types of insurance in that it focuses on risk prevention, rather than risk assumption. With title insurance, title examiners review the history of your property and seek to eliminate title issues before the purchase occurs. Title insurance also differs in that it comes with no monthly payment. It's just a one-time premium paid at closing.

It's one of the best investments that a new homeowner can make when purchasing their property. Protecting yourself from unforeseen events that can affect your ownership is a no-brainer.

Do I Need Title Insurance?

Absolutely. Title insurance is a way to protect what is likely your largest investment—your home. An Owner's Policy provides peace of mind that your title company will stand behind you if a covered title issue or defect arises after you have bought your home.

What Does Title Insurance Cover?

Any number of title issues may arise, even after the most meticulous search of public records. These hidden defects are dangerous because you might not learn about them for months, or even years, after purchase. Some common examples of risks covered by your Owner's Policy include defects in title caused by:

- Improper execution of documents
- Mistakes in recording or indexing legal documents
- Forgeries and fraud
- Unpaid taxes and assessments
- Unpaid judgments and liens
- Unreleased mortgages
- Mental incompetence of grantors on the deed
- Impersonation of the true owners of the land by fraudulent persons
- Refusal of a potential purchaser to accept title based on the condition of the title

How Much Does It Cost?

The one-time premium that you'll pay for a title insurance policy varies by state, but generally is related to the value of your property.



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