



Alabama Real Estate Licensee Phone Scam Alert

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Please be aware that Alabama Real Estate Licensees in the state are receiving calls from an individual(s) impersonating Alabama Real Estate Commission staff. A caller is telling the licensees that new fingerprints are required by the Commission and that there will be a charge for processing the fingerprints. The Alabama Real Estate Commission DOES NOT require fingerprints. The caller is offering to process the charge through a credit card transaction if the licensee would give the number over the phone. Do not provide your personal information by phone or email. The Alabama Real Estate Commission does not take credit card payments, checking account information, or social security numbers over the phone. Licensees who receive a suspicious call or email from someone claiming to be an Alabama Real Estate Commission staff member is urged to please contact your local law enforcement authority and ask to file an incident and offense report. Always verify whether the person is indeed a Commission employee. You can check the Commission's Web site at www.arec.alabama.gov for a current list of employees and call 334.242.5544. Please be aware of this scam and protect your personal information.