



## **Foreclosure Threats *Fraudulent Activities and Real Estate Scams***

While overall conditions in the local and national real estate markets continue to show signs of improvement and strengthening, we are also reminded that fraudulent activities and real estate scams are always a threat to our valued clients.

Recent newsmakers in our local marketplace (*see link to Denver Post article*) have proven that the threats, particularly centered around properties in foreclosure, are a real and significant problem for several of our members and their clients.

Home buyers and sellers look to us as the source of information and counsel as they work through the emotion and complexity of real estate transactions. As professionals, it's important for us to know not only the background of the other professionals involved in a transaction, but it may be just as important to understand and have knowledge of the buyers and sellers we all represent.

Your individual experience and expertise are critical to your ongoing client relationships and overall success and we want to ensure that you are aware of the most recent and valuable resources.

The following organizations, websites and contacts are available to you and your clients at any time and we encourage you to stay connected, informed and in touch with these and other valuable sources:

Colorado Foreclosure Hotline  
Coloradoforeclosurehotline.org  
877-601-HOPE

Denver Board of Realtors  
Denverrealtors.org  
303-756-0553