

**To Vancouver Sun
Letter to Editor**

June 19, 2007

Re: Mortgage Fraud Is A Rising Threat

With regard to your June 19th article on mortgage fraud, I think it's important to note that mortgage fraud is a problem not only in British Columbia, but in fact, throughout the world. It is driven primarily through criminal elements who use sophisticated means to steal people's identities -- and that is why our association has taken steps to help ensure our 1,700 members make their clients aware of the benefits of title insurance.

We have also authored an educational program for our members that are second to none in Canada, along with a set of professional standards designed to ensure they serve their clients with the highest level of knowledge and integrity. Additionally, we have provided our members a "Fraud Awareness" brochure for the consumer, a copy which can be obtained by contacting the association.

As a result, British Columbia home-buyers can be assured that by using a mortgage broker that is an association member, they are enlisting the services of an industry professional whose purpose is not only to find the best source of financing available to them -- but to also ensure their interests are fully-protected throughout the home-buying process and for the entire life of their mortgage.

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