## **HELP IS AVAILABLE**

COLORADO FORECLOSURE HOTLINE 1-877-601-HOPE (4673)

HUD HOUSING COUNSELORS 1-800-569-4287 www.hud.gov

WELD COUNTY LEGAL SERVICES 970-310-8367 https://weldcountylegalservices.com/

#### **ROCKY MOUNTAIN LEGAL CENTER**

https://www.rmlegal.org/

COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION 303-860-1115 www.cobar.org

#### COLORADO HOUSING CONNECTS 1-844-926-6632 www.coloradohousingconnects.org

#### If you suspect fraud please report it:

#### **COLORADO ATTORNEY GENERAL**

1-800-222-4444 www.stopfraudcolorado.gov

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU 855-411-2372

www.consumerfinance.gov

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### PHIL WEISER

1-800-222-4444 720-508-6000 1300 Broadway, 10th Flr Denver, Colorado 80203

#### WWW.STOPFRAUDCOLORADO.GOV

#### WELD COUNTY PUBLIC TRUSTEE BRIGITTE C. GRIMM 1400 N. 17TH AVENUE

Greeley, Colorado 80631 970-400-3242

#### https://www.wcpto.com/

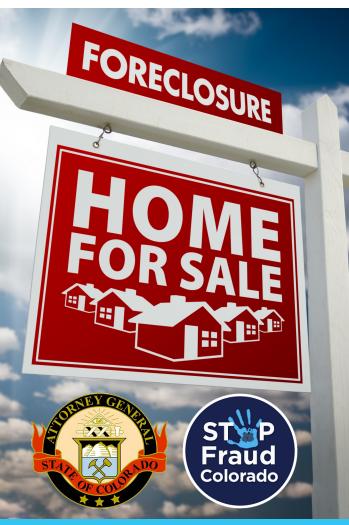
https://www.weld.gov/Government/ Departments/Treasurer-Public-Trustee

This brochure has been created as an educational tool - it is not intended to serve as legal advice.

You are encouraged to contact a HUD-approved housing counselor.

## Colorado Attorney General's FORECLOSURE RESOURCE GUIDE

WARNING: Someone may try to take advantage of you during foreclosure.



www.StopFraudColorado.gov

## **FRAUD WARNING**

As the foreclosure process is a matter of public record, you may receive offers of "help" from complete strangers in the mail, over the telephone, through email, on the internet, and at your door. Some of these people may attempt to steal the equity you have built up in your home or offer to provide services for a fee that they have no intention of providing. Be on the lookout for some of these Common Schemes:

- Offers to "Fix," "Stop," "Delay" or "Postpone" your foreclosure or other promises to "save" vour home
- Claims of "foreclosure solutions"
- Promises to "cure" your default or "repair" your credit
- Guarantees to modify your loan, lower your monthly payment, reduce your principal balance, or sell your home
- A "guaranteed buy out" or guick "cash for your home"
- Sale and lease-back schemes, where you are encouraged to sell your home for a fraction of its current value and then rent it back until you can afford to buy it again
- Claims from companies that, for a fee, offer to recover any overbid funds resulting from the foreclosure of your home



# **AVOID** FORECLOSURE SCAMS:

Don't sign any documents until you have had time to review them carefully.

Contact a HUD-approved housing counselor for free advice to help you review and understand the documents.

Remember - Any kind of "deed" (warranty deed or quit claim deed) means you are selling your home. Be especially careful of programs that lease your home back to you with a promise that you can repurchase it at a later date or that you will not be responsible for the mortgage payments.

Contact your lender to explain your financial situation and determine if you are eligible for a repayment plan, loan modification program, or other loss mitigation option. You might be surprised at how reasonable lenders can be if you talk to them and honestly explain your financial problems.

Contact your Public Trustee to inquire about any overbid funds from the foreclosure sale of your home. There is no charge for this and you do not need to contact a third party to recover the funds.

Report fraud or suspicious activity to the Colorado Attorney General's Office at www.StopFraudColorado.gov.



## Foreclosure <u>Colorado</u> **Hotline**

1-877-601-HOPE

#### A FORECLOSURE DOES NOT MEAN YOUR HOME IS LOST, BUT YOU MUST ACT QUICKLY.

Contact your Public Trustee to learn more about foreclosure proceedings.

## **FORECLOSURE BASICS**

FORECLOSURE - A foreclosure against your home officially begins when a document called a "Notice of Election and Demand" is recorded. You will receive formal notice of this document from your Public Trustee. Read it and all other information you receive carefully. The foreclosure sale of your property may take place between 110 and 125 calendar days after the Notice is recorded.

**CURE** - The law gives you the right to bring your loan current to stop the foreclosure. To do this you must file a Notice of Intent to Cure with your Public Trustee AT **LEAST** 15 days before the scheduled sale date. The Public Trustee must provide you a statement of all sums necessary to cure the default. You then have until noon of the day before the sale date to pay all sums to bring your loan current, including any additional fees and costs due to the foreclosure. Please note that these timelines can shift if your foreclosure date is postponed.

**OVERBID FUNDS** - Some foreclosures result in bids in excess of the amount owed on your home. You are entitled to these funds. Contact your Public Trustee directly for information.