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## Why Privacy Matters

Have you ever searched your name on the internet? If so, you were probably shocked by the amount of your personal information published online. In today's information age, it is more important than ever to protect your private information. Here at Chicago Title Land Trust Company, we are sensitive to your privacy needs, and have a solution to over-exposure: Land Trusts! Here are just a few ways a Land Trust can help:

- **Protect Your Physical Safety:** If your real estate is purchased under a Chicago Title Land Trust number, your home address will not be linked to your name. That anonymity makes it harder for any unwanted visitors to locate you. If you work with the public or are in the public eye, this is a simple and important safety measure.
- **Prevent Litigation:** Real Estate is one of the largest assets that a person owns. By placing your property into a Land Trust, you shield yourself from asset searches, thus decreasing your chances of litigation.
- **Maintain Financial Safety:** Internet fraudsters are very much a thing of the present. By putting together various pieces of your financial and personal information obtained via internet searches, fraudsters can steal your identity. Land Trusts provide you with the ability to protect your financial information and not fall victim to identity theft.
- **Keep Your Finances Private:** Although mortgages are a matter of public record, your name does not have to be linked to your mortgage. Land Trusts help maintain your anonymity on recorded financial documents associated with the purchase of your home.
- **Maximize Your Bargaining Power:** Land Trusts allow buyers to make confidential offers to purchase property. Confidential offers can help buyers stay anonymous, maintain negotiating leverage, and ultimately save money.
- **Avoid Probate:** Probate court can be a long, tedious and costly process that many of us hope to avoid. Land Trusts provide an easy and private transfer of ownership on death without the time and expense of a court proceeding.

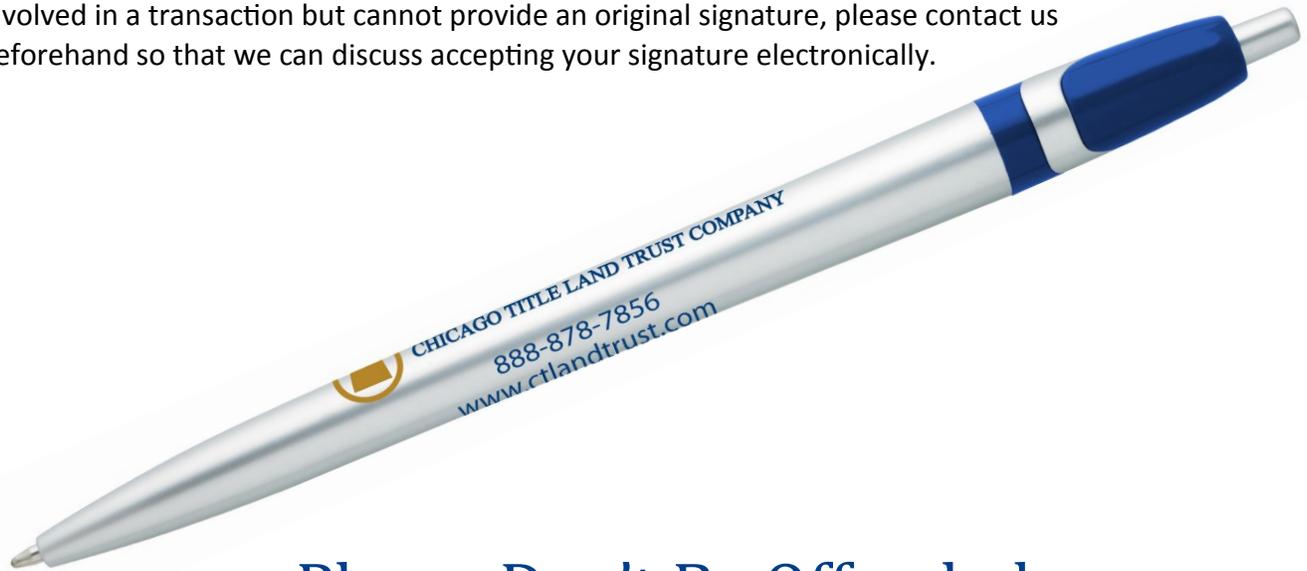


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# Electronic Signatures

Too busy to come to our offices to provide us a signature? No problem! With the great advances in technology, electronic signatures are becoming more and more common in the business world. Chicago Title Land Trust Co. is pleased to announce that we are able to accept electronic signatures in many transactions when you are not able to provide an original signature. Too far from our offices? Simply don't want to make the extra drive? Stuck at the office? We've got you covered. If you're involved in a transaction but cannot provide an original signature, please contact us beforehand so that we can discuss accepting your signature electronically.



## Please Don't Be Offended...

The protection of your private information is of utmost importance to us. When you contact one of our offices requesting information regarding your trust, you may be asked to provide identification, or in certain circumstances, to put your request in writing. Our goal is not to make your life more difficult, but with the rate of fraudulent activity at an all-time high, we take these extra measures to ensure the protection of your private information. Although at times it may seem impersonal or unnecessary to request verification, your physical and financial safety is our priority. By requiring verification, you can rest easy knowing that your information has not fallen into the wrong hands.

**For additional information on the advantages of owning your property in a land trust, visit our website at:**



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