

# Bulletin

## FLORIDA BULLETIN 07-02

TO: ALL AGENTS AND TITLE PLANT OPERATIONS  
FROM: UNDERWRITING DEPARTMENT  
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RE: COUNTERFEIT CHECKS

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The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) issues Special Alerts each year concerning counterfeit checks and other counterfeit instruments drawn on institutions all over the world. In some instances, the institution on which the counterfeit item purports to be drawn is nonexistent. Copies of all FDIC Special Alerts are accessible from the FDIC website using the following link:

**<http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/specialalert/index.html>**

Forty-five (45) such alerts have already been issued by the FDIC in 2007. The site is easy to use, and lists each of the alerts and the financial institution involved. A quick review of the site reveals that issues concerning counterfeit items are rampant throughout the country, so it is imperative that personnel performing escrow functions or who handle checks or other drafts are informed of this website and are actively encouraged to review it on an ongoing basis. If any draft is received which arouses the suspicion of an employee, this website should be a resource that is checked in **every** instance.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Old Republic Underwriting Department.

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