

Separate Sellers, One Closing: Resolve the Logistics Early

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The Problem

Two sellers may need different signing arrangements, separate communications or professional intermediaries. If those details surface late, even a prepared transaction can become confusing. A readiness list helps the closing professional identify missing information without collecting sensitive payment details in a shared family document.

Your goal: Coordinate each seller's closing questions and document readiness when communication or attendance arrangements differ.

Confirm Contacts Independently

Use a trusted, independently verified contact method for the settlement professional. Ask how each seller should communicate and receive documents. Follow any legal representation or contact restrictions. Keep the closing contact separate from emailed payment instructions; an unexpected message should not become trusted merely because it contains familiar transaction details.

Ask About Each Signing Arrangement

Confirm whether each seller will attend, use an accepted remote process or require another professionally approved arrangement. Ask what identification and authority documents must be provided securely. Do not assume an emailed signature, power of attorney or proposed substitute signer will be accepted without review for this transaction.

Track Readiness Without Storing Secrets

List the requested document or answer, responsible professional and due date. Use status notes such as requested, under review or confirmed. Keep bank numbers, copies of identity documents and transfer instructions out of the shared tracker. A checked box should mean the professional confirmed receipt or readiness, not merely that someone planned to send it.

Resolve Possession and Final-Document Questions

Ask who handles keys, access devices and any agreed possession arrangements. Confirm how each seller receives their own final documents. Refer payoff, title, authority and proceeds-allocation questions to the relevant professionals. If instructions change unexpectedly, verify through the trusted channel before acting; this guide is neither closing authorization nor payment advice.

A Practical Example

One seller expects remote signing but the closing professional has not confirmed it. Mark attendance arrangements pending rather than assuming an emailed signature will be accepted.

Illustrative example, not a case history or a recommended legal outcome.

When to Get Help

This is not closing advice, signing authority or a proceeds allocation. Use the settlement professional and legal advisers; do not store bank details or transfer instructions here.

Sources and Further Reading

Source guidance reviewed October 31, 2026. The organizing steps and example are RealtyListingCo's educational framework.

- CFPB – Mortgage Closing Scams (Archived 2019 Background)

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/archive/blog/mortgage-closing-scams-how-protect-yourself-and-your-closing-funds/>

- NAIC – Title Insurance and Public Record Searches

<https://content.naic.org/insurance-topics/title-insurance>

YOUR NEXT STEP CHECKLIST

Your Next Steps

- ☐ Signing method confirmed
- ☐ Authority questions resolved professionally
- ☐ Sensitive data kept out
- ☐ Possession arrangements verified
- ☐ Final documents received securely

One thing to do today: Confirm each seller's authorized contact, signing arrangements and required documents with the closing professional.

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