

## WHY TITLE INSURANCE?

**To protect possibly the most important investment you'll ever make — the investment in your home.**

With a title insurance policy, you as owner, have an indemnity contract that will reimburse you for loss in the event someone asserts a claim against your property that is covered by the policy.

### **How can there be a title defect if the title has been searched?**

Title insurance is issued after a careful examination of copies of the public records. But even the most thorough search cannot absolutely assure that no title hazards are present, despite the knowledge and experience of professional title examiners. In addition to matters shown by public records, other title problems may exist that cannot be disclosed in a search.

### **What Are Some of the Risks Protected by Title Insurance?**

- False impersonation of the true owner of the property
- Forged deed, releases or wills — instruments executed under invalid or expired power of attorney
- Undisclosed or missing heirs; Mistakes in recording legal documents
- Misinterpretations of wills Deeds by persons of unsound mind
- Deeds by minors
- Deeds by persons supposedly single, but in fact married
- Fraud
- Liens for unpaid estate, inheritance, income or gift taxes

### **Any Other Benefits?**

Title insurance will pay for defending against any lawsuit attacking your title as insured, and will either clear up title problems or pay the insured's losses. For a one-time premium, an owner's title insurance policy remains in effect as long as you, or your heirs, retain an interest in the property.

