

FRAUD

RECOGNISE IT.

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WHY DO PEOPLE COMMIT FRAUD?

The majority of people who commit fraud are first time offenders who do not see themselves as having committed a criminal act. Many feel pressured, exploit an opportunity and justify the fraud as a means of solving a personal problem.

Would you recognise the factors that may lead a person to commit fraud?

PRESSURE

The individual may be facing financial problems such as a debt or an inability to pay for household bills. Gambling, drugs or alcohol dependency can also be a factor. Fraud motivators can also be non-financial. There may be pressure to hit targets at work or a desire to cover up poor performance by acting fraudulently.

OPPORTUNITY

Windows of opportunity exist for wrong doing when organisations have poor or inadequate internal controls, weak processes and procedures or a lack of physical safeguards that allow fraud to be committed and concealed.

JUSTIFICATION

The individual will often rationalise their actions to justify committing fraud. Common examples include making up for feeling underpaid or under valued at work. They might also convince themselves that they are just borrowing money from the victim and will pay it back, or that the victim doesn't need the money and won't miss the stolen assets.

IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD CALL THE CONFIDENTIAL HSC FRAUD HOTLINE OR SEND A REPORT ONLINE.



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