

# **Should You Report Workplace Fraud?**

**Yes!** This answer may seem obvious, but a study conducted by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) revealed that 40 per cent of organizations didn't report cases of workplace fraud to the authorities.



# Top 3 Reasons Companies Don't Report



## **Fear of Bad Publicity**

Victim organizations may feel that pursuing legal action could draw negative attention towards them and potentially damage their reputation.



### **Sufficient Internal Discipline**

If addressing the misconduct internally has stopped the fraud, organizations may find it unnecessary to report to the authorities.



#### **Private Settlement Reached**

An organization may reach a confidential settlement agreement with an employee who committed fraud. A formal report may seem unnecessary once a settlement is reached.



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# Almost 90% of background checks conducted by victim organizations revealed no history of misconduct.

If more organizations reported fraud, these background checks could have protected these employers.

# Why You Should Always Report



## **Preventing Future Fraud**

Reporting cases ensures that background checks uncover important information about an employee's history of misconduct. This can prevent the same people from defrauding other organizations.

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# **Improving Internal Controls**

Revising policies and sharing these changes with partners and clients can help prevent misconduct and mitigate potential bad publicity.



# Making a Successful Insurance Claim

If your insurance provides coverage for theft and employee fraud, you may need to provide a formal police report as proof in order to file a claim.



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