International Fraud Awareness Week (15–21 November 2026)

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Beyond the financial losses they cause, fraud and corporate misconduct pose significant risks to the sustainability of business operations, corporate governance structures, and confidence in the economic environment. Effectively addressing these risks requires not only legal proceedings following the detection of misconduct, but also the development of preventive measures, increased corporate awareness, and the establishment of effective internal control systems.

Occupational Fraud 2026: A Report to the Nations

Published by the ACFE, Occupational Fraud 2026: A Report to the Nations (the "**Report**") provides empirical insights into the scale of occupational fraud and highlights the importance of preventive measures in combating fraud. Based on an examination of 2,402 cases from 143 countries and territories, the Report identifies total financial losses exceeding USD 3.4 billion arising from the cases studied.

Key findings of the Report include:

- 43% of the cases were initially detected through tips, highlighting the importance of effective and accessible reporting mechanisms;
- The median duration of fraud schemes before detection was 12 months, underscoring the need for early detection and continuous monitoring;
- Organizations that provided fraud awareness training to both employees and management had a median loss of USD 84,000, compared to USD 150,000 in organizations that provided neither, demonstrating the importance of fraud awareness training in risk management;
- More than half of the cases involved a lack of internal controls or the override of existing internal controls, emphasizing the importance of effective internal controls, auditing, and compliance mechanisms.

These findings demonstrate that combating fraud extends beyond legal and criminal sanctions and requires a comprehensive approach involving the early identification of risks, regular assessment of corporate processes, increased employee awareness, and the early detection of suspicious activities.

Achieving sustainable and effective outcomes in combating fraud depends not only on legal frameworks and enforcement mechanisms, but also on fostering a strong corporate compliance culture and adopting a preventive approach to risk management.



143 Countries and Territories

Occupational fraud cases examined from around the world

USD 3.4 Billion

Total financial losses arising from the cases examined

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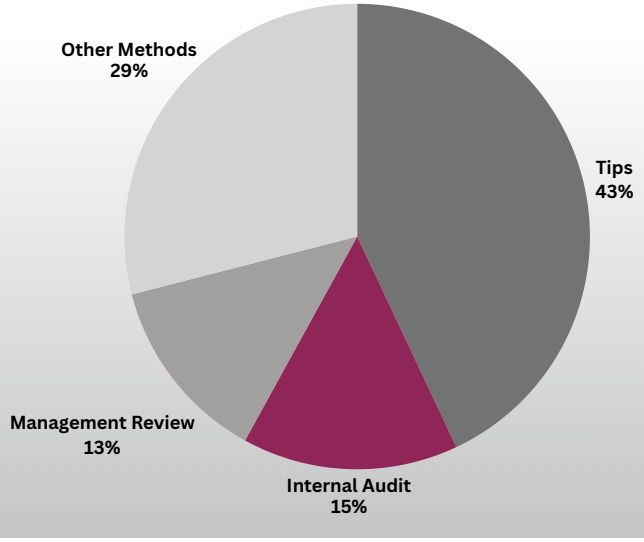
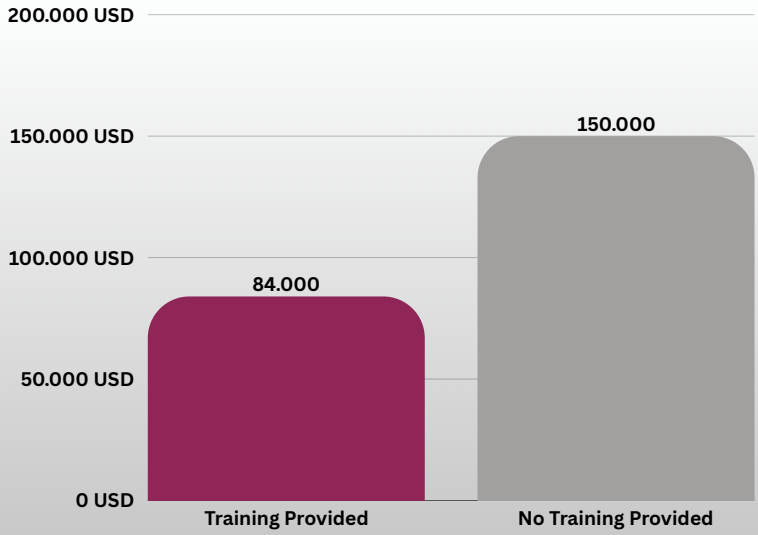
Initial Detection Methods of Occupational Fraud

Percentage of cases examined (%)





Median Loss by Fraud Awareness Training

Median loss per case (USD)

12 MONTHS

Median Duration Before Detection

The median duration of occupational fraud schemes before detection

52%

Internal Control Weaknesses

Lack of internal controls or override of existing internal controls

Source: ACFE, Occupational Fraud 2026: A Report to the Nations, pp. 4–5, 9, 18, 23–24, 42–43 and 49.

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