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# **Fraud Prevention & Detection**

Fraud. For many of us, the word conjures up images of highly publicized, scandalous corporate activities resulting in considerable loss and defamation. We often think of large, publicly traded corporations as being most susceptible to fraud. However, small to midsize businesses, and even not-for-profits, also need to be concerned with fraud risks. Consider your organization, for instance. Have you assessed your risks? Each organization has its own unique risks and risk tolerances. Once those risks are identified, it's imperative to take preventive measures. When a large amount of money goes missing, you would assume it to be easily noticed. This may be true if the assets were stolen all at once, but consider the theft of \$20, several times per week, over the course of several years. Or perhaps an employee confiscates a small amount of inventory several times per month. The amounts can add up quickly.

Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC (AHP) provides services that include investigation of alleged fraudulent activities as well as the assessment of your organization's current risk. AHP believes the best deterrent to fraud is a system of strong controls combined with education about identifying the warning signs of fraud. Since many of the controls that deter fraud can also help prevent unintentional errors, a fraud assessment engagement is particularly valuable.

## **Fraud Prevention**

- Trains you to spot red flags.
- Trains employees in their role in fraud prevention.
- Assesses your existing fraud risk.
- Tests your antifraud controls.
- Trains employees to embrace your organization's core values and guiding principles.

#### **Fraud Detection**

- Performs confidential investigations.
- Assists your legal team with investigations.
- Assists with internal investigations.
- Leads a multi-disciplinary investigation team.
- Provides employee awareness training.

### **Specific Services**

- Fraud risk check-up.
- Tests of anti-fraud controls.
- Agreed-upon procedures.
- Collaborative investigations.
- Assistance with antifraud policies.
- Employee awareness training.



# **Industry Experience**

AHP has Certified Fraud Examiners (CFE) on staff. The CFE credential denotes proven expertise in fraud prevention, detection, and deterrence. CFEs help protect businesses by investigating fraud allegations and implementing processes to prevent fraud from occurring in the first place.