

Eight Commonly Identified Fraud Schemes

While we see new and different fraudulent schemes every year, we know from experience that some tactics are more prevalent than others. Here's a list of eight commonly identified fraud schemes:

1. **Billing** – An employee induces a company to issue fraudulent payments for goods or services they have not received.
2. **Corruption** – Employee wrongfully uses influence in a business transaction to procure some benefit for himself or others.
3. **Non-Cash** – Misuse or theft of inventory or other assets.
4. **Skimming** – Removal of cash from a company prior to its entry in an accounting system.
5. **Payroll and Expense Reimbursements** - Employee produces false payroll or expense reports that cause the company to make fraudulent disbursement.
6. **Check Tampering** – Employee takes physical control of checks and makes them payable to herself.
7. **Cash Larceny** – Intentional taking of cash without consent and against the will of the company.
8. **Financial Statement Fraud** – Purposeful misreporting of financial information about a company that is intended to mislead those who read it.

If you have noticed indicators of any of the above common fraud schemes, or if you would like more information on fraud identification or our forensic accounting services, contact Schneider Downs for an introductory discussion.



Schneider Downs Business Advisors can provide you with the necessary expertise to evaluate your company's current fraud mitigation plan and infrastructure, support your efforts to perform a fraud risk assessment or assist with the development of a robust fraud mitigation plan.

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