

# The Cost of NOT Reporting Fraud

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Ignoring fraud is not just a one-time financial loss—it creates long-term risks for businesses, employees, vendors, insurers, and even personal relationships. Failing to report fraud can have serious consequences, leading to financial instability, legal trouble, and reputational damage.

## Unstoppable Financial Losses

- Fraudsters often target the same victim multiple times—if you don't report it, you remain vulnerable.
- Delayed reporting may prevent banks from reversing unauthorized transactions.
- Businesses lose an average of 5% of annual revenue to fraud.
- Insurance carriers may deny claims if fraud isn't properly documented.

## Increased Legal & Compliance Risks

- Failing to file a police report can make it harder to prove fraud in insurance claims and lawsuits.
- Non-compliance with regulatory reporting can result in fines or penalties from government agencies.
- A lack of documentation may lead to denied reimbursement claims from banks, credit card companies, or insurers.

## Reputation Damage & Lost Customer Trust

- Customers expect businesses to protect their data and finances—if fraud isn't addressed, they take their business elsewhere.
- Negative press & online reviews can permanently damage a company's credibility.
- Vendors and suppliers may end business relationships if they feel your organization is not secure.
- Employees who suspect fraud but see no action may lose trust in leadership or even leave the company.

## **Business Disruption & Operational Chaos**

- Fraud can cripple day-to-day operations, leading to lost productivity & employee stress.
- Employees working in finance, HR, and IT may have to divert their time away from key duties to investigate fraud, causing delays in payroll, billing, and transactions.
- Unreported fraud often spreads internally, especially if employees are involved, leading to more financial losses.
- Suppliers may refuse to extend credit or delay shipments if they suspect fraud has compromised your company's financial stability.

## **Fraudsters Learn & Escalate Their Attacks**

- Scammers reuse tactics on unreported victims—they assume if you didn't report once, you won't report again.
- Cybercriminals may sell stolen data on the dark web, leading to more attacks on your business and personal accounts.
- Fraud networks grow stronger when businesses fail to alert authorities, making it harder for law enforcement to track criminals.

## **Insurance Claims May Be Denied**

- Insurance companies require proof (police reports, bank statements, documented incidents) before processing claims.
- Delays in reporting can void coverage, leaving your business with no financial protection.
- Failing to report fraud may increase future insurance premiums, making policies more expensive or harder to renew.

## **Impact on Family, Employees & Business Partners**

- Family members and employees may be at risk if scammers obtained personal details—identity theft could spread beyond the business.
- Employees could be unknowingly using compromised accounts, networks, or passwords, making them more vulnerable to future attacks.
- Business partners, vendors, and suppliers who rely on your financial stability could be affected if fraud causes major disruptions.

## **Protect Your Business, Customers & Reputation**

Reporting fraud isn't just about financial recovery—it's about preventing bigger losses, legal trouble, reputational damage, and repeat attacks. Fraud left unchecked doesn't go away—it gets worse. Reporting fraud protects not just your business, but everyone connected to it.