

Auditing for Internal Fraud

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Although external fraud is widespread in the banking industry, internal fraud from employees and insiders is also a major concern. This seminar provides internal auditors with a variety of methods for detecting and preventing internal fraud.

Companies with 100 or fewer employees are the most vulnerable to internal fraud. The medial loss-per-fraud incident is \$200,000. Even though banking is a highly regulated and audited industry, banks are not exempt.

Fraud usually results from a combination of risk factors:

- **Opportunity** - increased when security over assets is lessened
- **Pressure** - increased by job-related or personal issues
- **Attitude** - affected by the tone set by top management or the pervasive culture of the organization

However, employees are not tempted if situations are well controlled. This seminar was developed to provide bank internal auditors with a variety of methods for detecting and preventing internal fraud.

Highlights

- **What is the auditor's role in detecting internal fraud?**
 - Planning
 - Auditing
 - Reporting
- **How to protect against internal fraud?**
 - Common weaknesses
 - Think like a crook
 - Typical schemes
- **How to detect internal fraud?**
 - Auditing assets
 - Auditing liabilities
 - Auditing income & expenses
 - Auditing off-balance-sheet items

Presenter

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Audience

Internal auditors and bank audit committee members.

CE Applied: 2.5 hours of CRCM/CFSSP credit with the Institute of Certified Bankers

CE Awarded: 2 hours of credit with the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy

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