

Welcome to this microlearning nugget on the

IMPACT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF FRAUD

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What is fraud today?

Fraud is no longer just an exaggerated expenses claim. It is an **international business** and its impact is greater than many imagine.

Fraudsters are **Ultimate Beneficial Owners** (UBOs) who exist behind complex corporate structures.

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Almost three-quarters of the respondents felt that customer privacy and safety, and therefore satisfaction, was affected after experiencing cyber fraud.

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Over half the respondents estimated fraud-related losses ranging between 1% to 3% of revenue; with 1 in 10 businesses reporting losses between 4% and 6%. ×

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Fraud Avatars

A fraudster and the fraud he/she perpetrates can take many guises.



The Money Launderer: A fraudster doesn't just have to commit the crime but hide the trail too. This gives him/her a direct segue into being a money launderer.



The Cyber Criminal: Fraud can be in the form of Ransomware; sneaking into your email as an innocuous message, and lying in wait. All that is needed is your action to help the fraudster hold you – as the name says – at ransom.



The Corrupt Official: When a person in a position of power or influence does a favour for another in exchange for personal gains, (including cash payment or asset ownership) this is bribery.



Where Does The Money Go?

The money a fraudster makes has to go somewhere.

For the most part, it is laundered back into the financial system thereby legitimising it. This makes the financial institution receiving such funds unquestioningly, **equally complicit** in the crime.

Increasingly, a part of the money is finding its way to fund more **nefarious activities**. These include:

Financing Terrorism Human Trafficking Drug Trafficking



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