FAKE VENDORS Is fraud happening in your department?

Fraud can occur when an employee creates fake vendors to receive payments.

How does it occur?

EMPLOYEE

SETS UP A FAKE VENDOR

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INVOICES FOR NON-EXISTING GOODS OR SERVICES

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RECEIVES Payment

ROUTES PAYMENT TO

HIS/HER BANK ACCOUNT

RE-SUBMITS A LEGITIMATE VENDOR'S INVOICE UNDER A FAKE VENDOR

How can you prevent it?



Have different employees receive goods or verify services, authorize purchases and process invoices



Screen vendors by verifying license, tax ID number, address and phone number



Look for potential conflicts of interest between vendors and employees

WHAT ARE RED FLAGS?



Suspicious vendor address (i.e., one that matches an employee's address or a P.O. box)



Employee not willing to go on a vacation, take days off or share duties



Duplicate or incomplete invoices



Multiple payments are issued to a vendor for similar amounts or have the same invoice number



One person is responsible for setting up vendors, authorizing purchases and processing invoices



Employee has personal financial problems or sudden lifestyle changes (*i.e.*, buying expensive cars and homes)





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