



# How does your business' risk profile look relative to your sector?

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## Fraud prevention and response survey

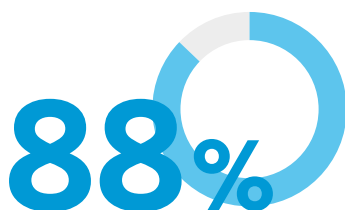
A unique insight into manufacturing & utilities companies' strategies.

We surveyed 125 senior managers based in manufacturing & utilities companies across the UK. Questions focused on fraud and the Economic Crime & Corporate Transparency Act, as part of our [cross-sector report](#) with a sample size of 1,000 respondents.

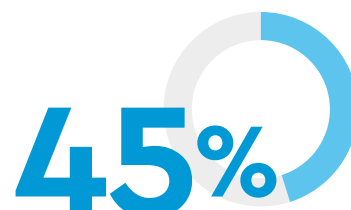
Our data suggest that organisations are aware of the risk of fraud but have disjointed prevention and response strategies. This is at a time when the Government is placing greater emphasis on corporate responsibility through measures contained in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act.

The types of fraud risks and responsive actions differ from one sector to another. **This data allows you to compare your business' risk profile relative to your sector and adapt your counter-fraud measures accordingly.**

## Manufacturing & utilities companies are over-confident about their legal responsibilities



of manufacturing & utilities companies are confident that they understand their legal responsibilities relating to fraud: the second highest score out of the 8 sectors surveyed.



of manufacturing & utilities respondents are not aware that 'Failure to Prevent' fraud will become an offence: the second worst performing sector surveyed.

## Your response to fraud

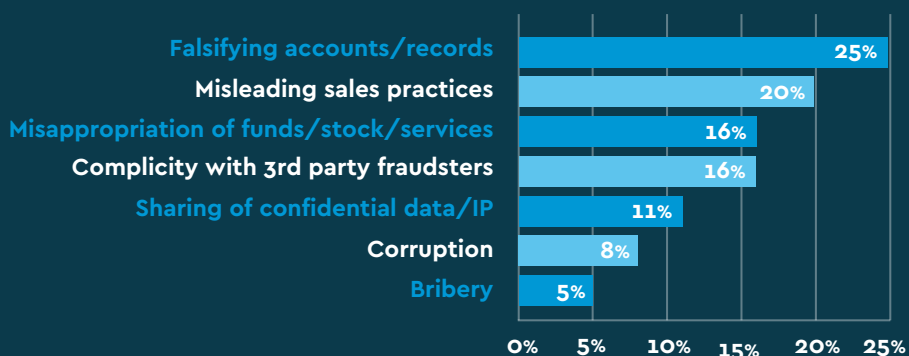
- Manufacturing & utilities respondents are most likely to have fraud related training and anti-fraud policies in place.
- They are less likely to use HR/Disciplinary measures or reporting to Government agencies.

## Incident rates and types – Your sector vs all respondents

Manufacturing & utilities respondents have slightly lower fraud incidence rate in the last year than the results from the wider survey – 39% vs 45%.

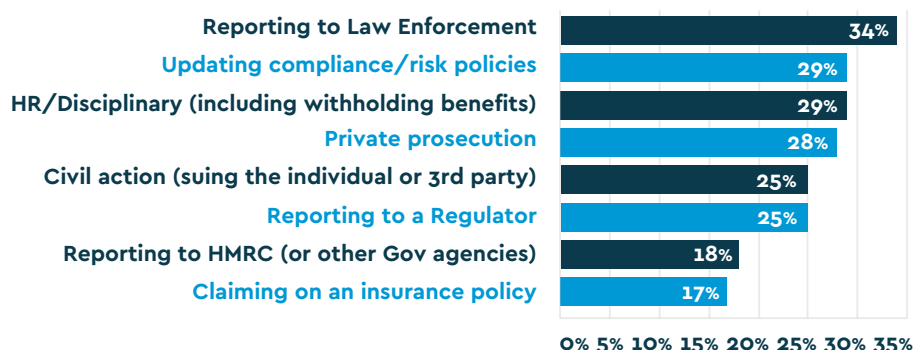
Falsifying accounts/records and misleading sales practices are the most prevalent incidents.

## What types of fraud have you been subject to in the last 5 years\*



\*Those who have had to take action within the last 5 years as the result of an employee's (or contractor's) involvement (or suspected involvement) in fraud

### What action did you take after experiencing a fraud incident?\*



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### What do you currently have in place to combat fraud?

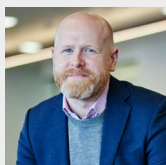


A complete fraud strategy should consider all of these measures and ensure they work in concert. The approach should not be static and must be revised regularly to adapt to the changing threat of economic crime.



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The pandemic exacerbated the fraud risks that manufacturing & utilities companies faced, with companies quickly adapting supply chains and onboarding new staff. Appropriate due diligence was often missed, while homeworking and greater use of technology elevated (and continue to elevate) the risk of cyber fraud.

Economic worries are creating challenges, with employees and businesses struggling financially – increasing the incentive for dishonesty.

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## Prepare for the new law

Undertake a fraud risk assessment as a basis for a proportionate fraud prevention and response strategy. Your policy and procedures should be tailored to apply to the real-world dynamics that your business and sector faces.

[Read our full report here](#)