

FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Just like commercial organisations, the church may be subject to fraudulent activity and must therefore implement effective prevention strategies to minimise legal and financial exposure.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to:

1. Ensure that all parties are aware of their responsibilities regarding the identification and prevention of fraudulent activity.
2. Ensure that staff/volunteers/contractors understand who to report to in the event that they suspect fraudulent activity.
3. Provide a step-by-step guide to respond to an allegation regarding fraudulent activity.
4. Express a clear statement to staff/volunteers/contractors forbidding fraudulent activity for the benefit of the organisation.

POLICY

The Harbour City Harvest Church (the church) will not tolerate fraud in any aspect of its operations.

The church will investigate any suspected acts of fraud, misappropriation or other similar irregularity. An objective and impartial investigation, as deemed necessary will be conducted regardless of the position, title, and length of service or relationship with the organisation of any party who might be the subject of such investigation.

Any fraud shall constitute grounds for dismissal. Any serious case of fraud, whether suspected or proven, shall be reported to the relevant and appropriate authorities such as the police and the ombudsman.

Any person who suspects the commission of a fraud, related to the operations of the church, is required to immediately report it to a leader / appropriate person in authority within the church. Any person reporting a fraud, or a suspected fraud, shall not be penalised for raising a concern of this nature.

AUTHORISATION

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FRAUD RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

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RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Board** of the church has ultimate responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud and is responsible for ensuring that appropriate and effective internal control systems are in place.

The **Secretary** is responsible for dealing with and investigating instances of fraud reported to them.

All **leaders** must ensure that they:

- Assess the risk of fraud within their area of control;
- Educate staff/volunteers/contractors about fraud prevention and detection; and
- Facilitate the reporting of suspected fraudulent activities.

Leadership should be familiar with the types of improprieties that might occur within their area of responsibility and be alert to any indications of such conduct.

All **staff/volunteers/contractors** share in the responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud.

REPORTING

All staff/volunteers/contractors have the responsibility to report suspected fraud.

Any staff member, volunteer or contractor who suspects fraudulent activity must immediately notify their supervisor or the Secretary about the concern.

In situations where the staff member, volunteer or contractor notifies their supervisor, the supervisor must then notify the Secretary (or the Chair of the Board in circumstances where the suspected fraud involves the supervisor or Secretary).

Step-by-step guide: Responding to suspected fraud

1. Upon notification an allegation pertaining to fraud, the Secretary (or Chair of the Board) will promptly arrange to carry out an initial review into the allegation.
2. After an initial review and a determination that the suspected fraud warrants additional investigation, the Secretary (or Chair of the Board) shall coordinate the investigation with the appropriate law enforcement officials or external investigator as deemed appropriate. Internal or external legal representatives will be involved in the process, as deemed appropriate.
3. Once a suspected fraud is reported, immediate action will be taken to prevent the theft, alteration or destruction of relevant records. Such actions include, but are not necessarily limited to, removing relevant records / information and placing them in a secure location, limiting access to the location where the records / information currently exists, and preventing the individual suspected of committing the fraud from having access to the records / information.
4. If an allegation of fraud is substantiated by the investigation, disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal (or termination of an individual's right to work as a contractor or volunteer), shall be taken by the appropriate level of leadership.
5. The organisation will also pursue every reasonable effort, including court ordered restitution, to obtain recovery of any losses from the offender.

Where a prima facie case of fraud has been established, the matter shall be referred to the relevant authorities. If an allegation is made in good faith, but it is not substantiated by the investigation, no action will be taken against the complainant.

The organization will make every effort to keep the investigation confidential; however members of the leadership team may need to be consulted to assist with a review / investigation.

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