# UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG

# Be a Fraud Fighter - Understanding Fraud

## What is Fraud?

Fraud is an intentional or deliberate action, meant to deceive for financial or personal gain, to deprive another of property or money by dishonesty, deception or other unfair means.

# **Types of Fraud**

### **ASSET MISAPPROPRIATION**

Schemes in which an employee steals or misuses an organization's assets, such as skimming payments received from customers, intercepting outgoing vendor payments and overstating reimbursable expenses.



### CORRUPTION

Wrongfully using influence obtain a personal benefit or a benefit for another person. Skimming/getting kickbacks from projects, using money to influence major company decisions, and manipulating contracts to favour some over others

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

Using another person's personal identifying information, like their name, identifying number, or credit card number, without their permission, to commit fraud or other crimes.

### **BRIBERY**

Bribery is the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting of any item of value to influence the actions of an official, or other person

### **IMPOSTER SCAMS**

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email you or join a WhatsApp or Social Media group to convince you they are someone in authority. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

### COLLUSION

A secret, and often, illegal cooperation, conspiracy or agreement for an illegal or deceitful purpose.

Preventing fraud is the responsibility of every employee.

Be alert to potential fraud and they can be fraud fighters too!

# Make a difference!

# **UJ Whistleblowing Hotline**

- Toll-free number: 0800 872 846
- = SMS: 309
- Website: www.thehotline.co.za/repor
- Email: uj@thehotline.co.z.
- Download the <u>Vuvuzela Hotline</u> Mobile App from the Google Play Store and the App Store

### Resources:

https://www.fraudweek.com/