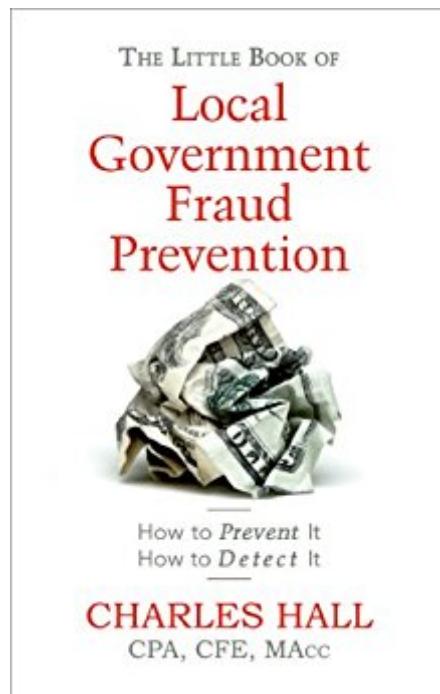


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# The Little Book Of Local Government Fraud Prevention



## **Synopsis**

Have you ever wondered how your government could lessen the risk of theft? Or maybe you are curious about how fraudsters get away with their wily schemes. Fraud occurs in local governments in a multitude of ways, yet many cities, counties, school systems, authorities, and other public entities are ill prepared to prevent or detect its occurrence. Why is this so? Some governments place too much reliance on annual audits as a cure-all, but clean audit opinions don't mean that fraud is not occurring. And some governments fail to understand how vulnerable they are--until it's too late. Why is governmental fraud so common? Many small governments don't have a sufficient number of employees to segregate accounting duties. It is also these smaller governments that place too much trust in their accounting personnel. This combination of a lack of segregation of duties and too much trust in key employees often leads to significant losses from theft. The Little Book of Local Government Fraud Prevention provides several real-life stories of fraud. The stories will inform you about how local government employees steal. Then the stories are followed with prevention techniques to assist you in mitigating fraud risks. In one story, for example, the book shows how a single municipal employee stole over \$53 million dollars, all from a city of just 16,000 citizens. If you audit governments, you will find this book helpful in pinpointing common areas where governmental fraud occurs. The book also includes fraud audit checklists. Whether you are an internal or external auditor, you will find fresh ideas for prevention and detection. The Little Book of Local Government Fraud Prevention will assist you if you are a:

1. Local government accounting employee
2. Local government elected official
3. Local government auditor
4. Local government attorney
5. Certified Public Accountant
6. Certified Fraud Examiner

Together we can bring down the risk of fraud and corruption in our local governments. Come join the team. We'll all be better for it.

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first - I am not nor will I be an accountant. This book was very informative and opened my eyes to fraud and how it is perpetuated on a local government level. The same thing applies in business as well. Mr. Hall has done a wonderful job explaining things here to the professional as well as the lay person. Makes me open my eyes and want to know what my local government is doing not to mention the state and federal governments.

A must read for anyone that manages public funds. The book highlights several real world case studies of fraud and abuse. This book describes various levels of controls, separation of duties and the value of a Certified Fraud Examiner. I am going to have a CFE examine my financial systems for any weakness. I would rather look for weaknesses in the system now rather than pay for the fraud afterwards. Great book!

Bought it this morning and read it all in one sitting. It was clear, concise and kept my attention with practical examples. I often find that some of the books I read on fraud topics are abstract and confusing. This one was just the opposite. Thanks for authoring this book Charles.

Charles captures key controls required not only in government entities, but all entities and illustrates what can happen in absence of those controls. If you are an auditor, accountant, manager, or board member you will find this information useful.

Very well written, easy to read and understand. I am a watchdog for my county and this gave me many ideas of what to look for and review. This is for anyone that has any knowledge of accounting or how money is handled. Would recommend it highly.

Excellent! What a great book! Clear, to-the-point, and easy to read. A must read for anyone looking for ideas how to better understand and audit local governments.

All local government officials should do their duty and read this book. Very well written, put together and easily understood. Great job Mr. Hall!

Great fraud guide!

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