



Studying Auditors' Views About Their Role in Preventing, Detecting and Reporting Fraud

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Abstract

Nowadays, prevention, detection and reporting of fraud of firms has been changed to a new concern in the world, more than any other time. The main objective of the study is to investigate auditors' opinion about their responsibilities against preventing, detecting and reporting fraud. In order to achieve these goals, they first have been asked about their knowledge of fraud, and then the internal and independent auditors' perceptions of their responsibilities for preventing, detecting and reporting fraud are compared and investigated. In order to reach this, internal and independent auditors' views are compared along answering two hypotheses. The sample consists of 99 internal auditors and 110 independent auditors. The method of calculation is given by Cochran formula in the article and data has been collected through a questionnaire. The results indicate that auditors have mediocre consent about their knowledge of fraud and there is a significant difference between internal auditors and independent auditor's views about their responsibilities to prevent, detect and report fraud.

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