March 2021 marks the 17th Anniversary of Fraud Prevention Month in Canada

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Canadian reports of all frauds:

67,294

(56,089 in 2019)

Canadian victims of fraud: 39,992

(28,574 in 2019)

Lost to fraud: \$104.2M

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From March 6, 2020 to January 31, 2021

Canadian reports of Covid-19 fraud:

11,502

Canadian victims of Covid-19 frauds:

9,797

Lost to Covid-19 frauds:

\$7M

FRAUDSTERS NEVER TAKE A BREAK!

Over the past few years, Internal Audit Services has published fraud prevention and awareness bulletins in *MacEwan Today* to recognize Fraud Prevention Month. These bulletins are still relevant today and we strongly encourage you to go to our website and read these bulletins so that you are up to date on fraud prevention and detection.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) issued a warning to Canadians on June 30, 2020 that there has been an increase in identity fraud reporting since Covid-19 started. IAS has published some specific Covid-19 bulletins during the past year that are also available on our website. Check out our Fall 2020 Fraud Bulletin for more information on how to protect you identity.

You can find these bulletins and other fraud prevention resources on our website at this link:

https://www.macewan.ca/wcm/ExecutiveandGovernance/OfficeofGeneralCounsel/InternalAuditServices/index.htm

See our website for contact information.