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Financial Statement Fraud Prevention is a 5-day senior-level fraud prevention course delivered by Mars Training Centre UK in Europe, the Middle East and Africa — London, Dubai, Cairo, Accra and Cape Town — designed for finance directors, internal audit directors, audit committee members, forensic accountants, and senior leaders responsible for the integrity of reported financial information.

Financial statement fraud is the most expensive form of corporate fraud — measured in destroyed market value, regulatory penalties, and executive careers. The cases that have moved markets in the last twenty years share a small number of recurring patterns: revenue manipulation, expense capitalisation, reserve management, related-party concealment. The leaders who recognise these patterns early defend their organisations before they become a headline.

Across five focused days, you will work through the fraud triangle, the most common manipulation schemes, the analytical and forensic techniques that detect them, and the governance disciplines that prevent them. The cases are drawn from documented fraud cases in the United Kingdom, Europe, and the Middle East, and the work is delivered by senior practitioners with audit and forensic accounting experience.

What You Will Learn

- Apply the fraud triangle and the fraud diamond to a real organisation.
- Identify the most common financial statement fraud schemes.
- Detect revenue recognition manipulation using analytical techniques.
- Detect expense and asset misstatements using forensic procedures.
- Identify earnings management indicators in published accounts.
- Assess related-party transactions and concealment risk.
- Apply data analytics to financial fraud detection.
- Design anti-fraud controls and a fraud risk assessment.
- Run a fraud risk assessment for a finance function.
- Lead a financial fraud investigation under proper protocols.

How You Will Benefit

You will leave with a sharper fraud-prevention toolkit and a Mars Certificate of Completion.

Your organisation will gain a senior leader who recognises fraud patterns earlier, runs a stronger anti-fraud control environment, and brings credible answers to audit committee and board questions on financial reporting integrity.

Who This Programme Is For

This programme is designed for senior leaders responsible for financial reporting integrity, including:

- Finance Directors and Group Financial Controllers
- Heads of Internal Audit and Senior Internal Auditors
- Audit Committee members and Non-Executive Directors
- Forensic Accountants and Fraud Investigation Specialists
- Chief Risk and Compliance Officers
- Senior External Auditors
- Senior consultants supporting forensic and investigation work

The seniority floor is senior manager and above. The programme is delivered in person over five consecutive days, with a Mars Certificate of Completion awarded on the final day.