



Top 10 benefits of using external reporting platforms

1. Internal reporting platforms are not trusted – very few people use them and the ‘shoot the messenger’ phrase is commonly used as to why they are not trusted.
2. External reporting platforms providing anonymity receive almost 40% more activity than internal platforms. This is because many employees want to report but fear retribution.
3. External reporting platforms encourage more disclosures of wrongdoing. In fact, tips received through platforms providing anonymity are the most common detectors of fraud next to internal audit.
4. Online platforms are cost effective providing 24/7 accessibility.
5. Organisations who implement external reporting platforms benefit more than those who do not.
6. They improve the reporting culture of entities and increase transparency in how entities handle disclosures of wrongdoing.
7. An avalanche of frivolous results does not occur.
8. One significant piece of information across several years can more than justify the expense.
9. Effective internal speak-up arrangements are an important component of a healthy corporate culture.
10. Best intentions and principles without proper implementation will not result in change.

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