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TAX FRAUD
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Construction Industry Tax Fraud
Days of Action – April 14-17, 2021

**TAXES BUILD BRIDGES AND SCHOOLS.
TAXES PAY FOR OUR PUBLIC SAFETY.
TAXES PROTECT OUR COUNTRY.**



DID YOU KNOW?

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS ARE FUELING THE UNDERGROUND ECONOMY

Why do so many construction contractors participate in the underground economy and commit tax fraud? They do it to steal jobs from legitimate businesses and their employees.

Corrupt contractors pay workers off the books, or, less often, as independent contractors when they clearly shouldn't. That allows them to evade provincial, local, and federal taxes, so they can illegally lower their labor costs to underbid law-abiding competitors.

IT'S INTENTIONAL

Frequently, corrupt contractors use law-breaking subcontractors to shield themselves from accountability.

IT'S NOT SMALL: IT'S OVER \$16 BILLION

Residential construction alone is the top contributor to the underground economy, accounting for \$16 billion of illegal economic activity. All told, in Ontario, construction industry tax fraud costs the province \$3.1 billion in lost revenue.

WHEN CONTRACTORS CHEAT ON THEIR TAXES, WE PAY MORE.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- › Protect tax-paying contractors and their employees
- › Support fair competition
- › Support law enforcement
- › Talk to your colleagues about this problem

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