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Shame, guilt, embarrassment and disbelief are among the reasons that only an estimated 15 percent of the nation's fraud victims report their crimes to law enforcement.* Many doubt their own judgment and feel they themselves are at fault. A sense of betrayal and worry about what others will think also are common feelings. However, it's important to remember that these acts are committed by calculating, skilled criminals.

*Information from the U.S. Attorney's Office Western District of Washington

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EMBEZZLEMENT: A CRIME OF OPPORTUNITY



Surveys reveal that 35 percent of dental offices have been embezzled once, and 17 percent have been victims more than once. Know how to prevent this disturbing crime—if it already is happening, a decisive plan of action can help minimize damage to a practice.

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What do YOU think?



Have you ever been the victim of a scam?

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HANDLING FINANCIAL LOSSES FROM EMBEZZLEMENT



You may be able to deduct a large portion of the loss you have incurred on your practice's tax return. When dealing with theft loss deduction there are many complicated tax rules that can apply. The tax rules vary depending on whether the property was personal or used in business. If the property was used in business, it further depends on whether the loss was to business or income-producing property or instead to employee property.

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HANG ON TO PRESCRIPTION PADS



Most people experiencing pain come to see you for your expertise and skill. They are grateful for your compassion, and grateful for the pain relief. However, some people seek you out because you can give them access to controlled substances. It's probably not dental pain at the heart of their requests, though they'll tell you it is.

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