

FRAUDULENT HOTEL BOOKINGS

THE PROBLEM:

Fake bookings, linked to immigration fraud on temporary resident visa (TRV) applications, are on the rise in Canadian hotels.

FRAUDULENT BOOKING CYCLE IN CANADA



Weeks-long stay booked with fake credit card



No-shows on day of booking



Additional staff resources needed to identify and cancel fraudulent bookings



Hotel loses opportunity to put room back on the market

3.8M (est.)

individual fraudulent bookings (YTD)

84%

of hotels experienced fraudulent bookings in 2024

\$462M TO \$603M (EST.)

in forgone hotel revenue (YTD)

TOP SOURCES OF FAKE HOTEL BOOKINGS KEY REGIONS AND COUNTRIES



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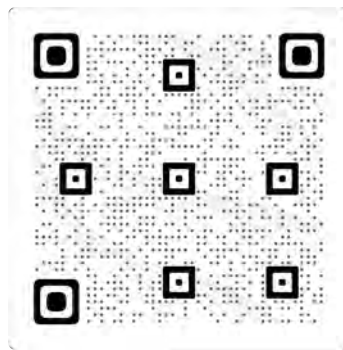


Address Immigration Fraud and Its Impact on the Hotel Industry

- Only accept **pre-paid hotel bookings** as proof of accommodation in TRV applications.
- Hold immigration consultants accountable** for fraudulent TRV applications.
- Invest in a dedicated reporting mechanism** for the hotel sector to alert IRCC of fraudulent activity.



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