

Swindling and cheating:

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Fraud and deceit are attempts to obtain property belonging to another person by using fraudulent means or by abusing someone's trust or credulity. This can be done, for example, by using a false name, presenting oneself as someone else, pretending to have a certain function or profession, using false documents, Using a lie to get something handed over is not enough to be considered fraud, there must also be an additional act that makes this lie credible and/or strengthens it.

Cheating or swindling occurs when someone sells something, but fraudulently delivers another product and/or is dishonest about the product. Also charging for more hours than actually worked under a contract is considered cheating.

Specific forms of fraud are what is known as 'shoplifting', whereby a person consumes a drink or meal in an establishment or spends the night in a hotel and then leaves without paying. Similar to this is filling up a tank without paying afterwards, which is also qualified as cheating and not as theft.

For more information about this crime, a concrete punishment and/or advice tailored to your needs, contact our criminal lawyers at info@studio-penale.be.