

Försäkringskassan's discriminatory welfare-fraud AI (Sweden)

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Quality score: 20/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

Sweden's Social Insurance Agency used an ML risk-scorer from ~2013 to detect benefit fraud; a 2024 investigation found it disproportionately flagged women, migrants, and low-income earners; the model was suspended after the data protection authority intervened in June 2025.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	1/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability beyond pilot	2/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	0/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

C-NAPSE web research — accessed 2026-06-20

Försäkringskassan (Swedish Social Insurance Agency) — accessed 2026-06-20

Lighthouse Reports — Sweden's Suspicion Machine (November 2024) — accessed 2026-06-20

Amnesty International — Sweden must discontinue discriminatory AI (November 2024) — accessed 2026-06-20

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