

# ATM Safety



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# When using an ATM, keep in mind...

## PERSONAL SAFETY

Be aware of your surroundings when at the ATM and report any suspicious activity to bank security or police.

Use only well-lit and visible ATMs that are free from bushes and other obstructions.

Do not count or display cash near the ATM.

Watch for others who may be watching over your shoulder as you use the ATM.

## MACHINE SAFETY

Before using the ATM, look for card skimmers, damaged key pads or other indications the machine has been tampered with.

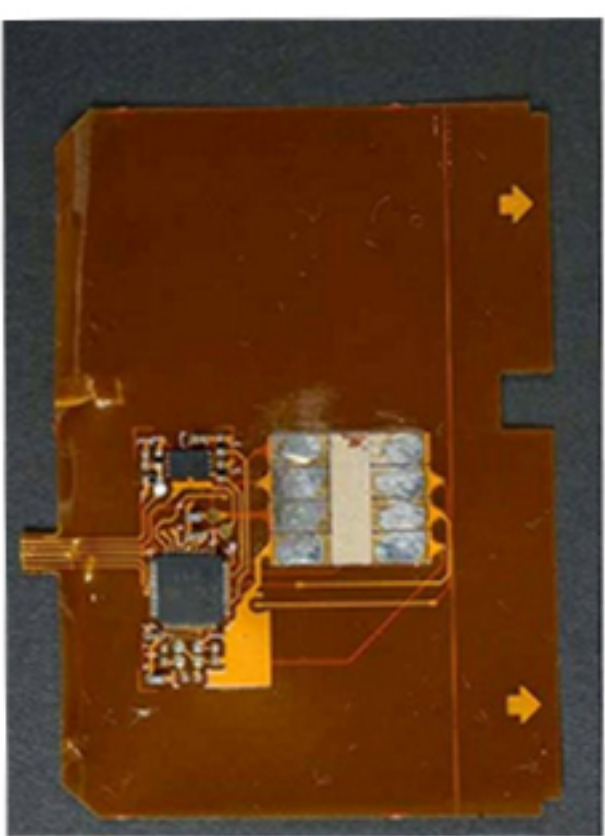
### What is a skimmer?

A skimmer is a device used to capture your card number and pin codes. Often times it is an overlay that looks almost identical to the card reader or numeric pad that you use at the bank.



### What is a shimmer?

Like a skimmer, this device is used to read your card numbers. Instead of a device being placed on the outside, it is typically placed inside the machine and out of view.



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