



## ATM Skimmers

*Education = Safety when it comes to your debit card*

### What Is A Skimmer?

The typical ATM skimmer is a small device that fits over an existing card reader. Most of the time, the attackers will also place a hidden camera somewhere in the vicinity in order to record personal identification numbers, or PINs, used to access accounts.

### Protect Yourself At The ATM

- Be sure your financial institution has your current address and contact information
- Set up online banking
- Check your account transactions and balances often
- Let us know before you leave town
- If you must use an ATM you are not familiar with, be sure it is in a well-lit area with security cameras and a lot of foot traffic
- Check the ATM – is anything loose or missing? Are parts secure when you try to wiggle or pull on them? If so, it's best to NOT use that machine.
- Protect your pin by covering your hand when you enter your pin.

### What To Look For

ATM skimmers have been a growing crime with debit card fraud. Protect yourself by knowing what to look for next time you are at an ATM or even gas pump about to swipe your card. When swiping or inserting your debit card, be sure to wiggle/pull on that part of the machine as well as the pin pad. If it seems loose or looks glued down in any way, do not use that machine for your own safety.