

Steps you can take to protect yourself from skimming:

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Grab the plastic slot on an ATM where you insert your card and shake it to make sure that it doesn't come loose. If it is moving up and down in your hand, there may be a skimmer attached

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Use your free hand to cover your other hand as you punch in your security code.

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Consider setting daily ATM limits. If you don't carry large amounts of money in your checking account, you might consider instituting a daily limit on ATM withdrawals. Check with your bank or credit union for more details.

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Only use bank-affiliated ATMs. According to FICO, 60% of all skimming incidents occurred at non-bank ATMs. Try to avoid independent ATMs that aren't associated with a particular bank, like those at gas stations and other random locations.

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Never use a debit card at a gas station pump. If you have to use a debit card, go inside to pay.

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Avoid using a debit card at other places that are popular for scammers; online shopping, self checkout registers, and some restaurants with self pay machines on the table.

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Check your bank statements daily. If your account is compromised, you may be able to catch it quickly and avoid more damage if you keep up with your accounts regularly.