

# How to Avoid Being Skimmmed

*Debit/Credit card fraud due to skimming is at an all time high. We'd like to provide the following suggestions to protect yourself from these types of events.*

- Inspect the ATM, gas pump, or credit card reader before using it...be suspicious. If you see anything loose, crooked, or damaged, or if you notice scratches or adhesive/tape residue.
- When entering your PIN, block the keypad with your other hand to prevent possible hidden cameras from recording your number.
- If possible, use an ATM at an inside location. (Less access for criminals to install skimmers.)
- Be careful of ATMs in tourist areas...they are a popular target of skimmers.
- If your card isn't returned after the transaction or after hitting "cancel", immediately contact the financial institution that issued the card.