

## ATM Card Skimming Crime Prevention Advice

Teams of organised criminals are targeting ATM users by stealing their bank card details and PIN numbers with sophisticated card-skimming devices and cameras.

Card skimming occurs when the criminals fit a device over the normal card entry slot on the front of an ATM and a hidden camera directed at the keypad. The camera is usually concealed behind a false plate which is designed to look like a genuine part of the ATM. However, there will be a very small hole for the camera, as indicated in the pictures provided and this will be visible if a user checks the machine carefully before use.



False Front

The skimming device captures the card details and the hidden camera records the PIN number. A replica card is then made and used to withdraw cash from the victims account.

Usually those who commit this type of crime will be in the vicinity of the machine, observing activity and making sure that the ATM user does not detect their equipment.

Criminals have also been known to disable nearby cash machines as a means of channelling users towards their specially adapted machine.