

PROTECT YOUR BENEFITS FROM SKIMMING

WHAT IS SKIMMING?

Skimming is a type of theft. Thieves put an overlay on a store's card-swiping machine to copy EBT, credit and debit card information. The thieves use the information to make fake EBT, debit or credit cards. The fake cards are called clones.

Cloned cards are used to steal money from real accounts, like yours!

Skimming can happen anywhere you swipe your credit, debit, or EBT card. Most of the time, that means EBT or Credit Card machines and ATMs. Know the signs of Fraud. Below are some of the examples you may see in stores.



Look for an overlay.
It's bigger than the original machine.

1. Do you see a green light in the corner?

2. Can you see the entire stylus (pen) tray?

3. Can you see a light behind the numbers? You may need to shade the machine from the room lights to see them.



If you ever answer **NO** to questions **1**, **2** or **3**, **DO NOT** use the machine!

Protect Your Benefits and Money!

If you think your card has been cloned and your benefits are being stolen, Immediately call the **DSS Fraud Unit: (518) 447-7380**

Report Suspected Skimming Overlays!

Call your local police department to report that your benefits were stolen.
To get a new EBT card or change your PIN, call the EBT Helpline: 888-328-6399 ! For help finding participating stores and ATM's please call Location Services at 1-800-289-6739



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