

# ATM SAFETY TIPS



**STAY ALERT.** If an enclosed area, shut completely behind you. If you drive up to an ATM, keep your car doors locked and an eye on your surroundings. If you feel uneasy or sense something may be wrong while you're at an ATM, particularly at night or when you're alone, leave the area.

**KEEP YOUR PIN CONFIDENTIAL.** Memorize your Personal Identification Number (PIN); don't write it on your card, or leave it in your wallet or purse. Keep your number to yourself. Never provide your PIN over the telephone, even in a caller identifies him/herself as a bank employee or police officer. Neither person would call you to obtain your number.

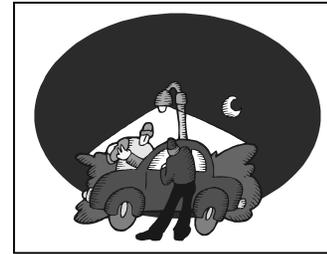
**CONDUCT TRANSACTIONS IN PRIVATE.** Stay squarely in front of the ATM when completing your transaction so people waiting behind you won't have an opportunity to see your PIN being entered or to view any account information. Similarly, fill out your deposit/withdrawal slips privately.

**DON'T FLASH YOUR CASH.** If you must count your money, do it at the ATM, and place your cash into your wallet or purse before stepping away. Avoid making excessively large withdrawals. If you think you're being followed as you leave the ATM, go to a public area near other people and, if necessary, ask for help.

**SAVE RECEIPTS.** Your ATM receipts provide a record of your transactions that you can later reconcile with your monthly bank statement. If you notice any discrepancies on your statement, contact your bank as soon as possible. Leaving receipts at an ATM can also let others know how much money you've withdrawn and how much you have in your account.

**GUARD YOUR CARD.** Don't lend your card or provide your PIN to others, or discuss your bank account with friendly strangers. If your card is lost or stolen, contact your bank immediately.

ATM is housed in an the entry door



## **BE ALERT WHILE DRIVING.**

Before leaving, plan a route to avoid dangerous areas. If you need to drive in unfamiliar areas, try not to drive alone. Always drive with your windows up and car doors

locked. Regularly check your mirrors and scan ahead for potentially dangerous situations.

Be conscious of escape routes while driving. Always leave room to maneuver out of the area when you come to a stop, keeping enough distance ahead so that you can see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you touch the pavement.

Carjackers sometimes hit a car from behind and then pull a weapon when the victim gets out to investigate. If you think you have been bumped intentionally, don't leave your car, use a cell phone to call for help. If confronted by a person with a weapon, give up your car.

If your vehicle breaks down, pull as far as possible away from moving traffic, tie a white handkerchief around the antenna, close the windows and lock the doors. If anyone approaches to offer assistance, open the window slightly and ask the person to call the police or towing service. Ask uniformed personnel to show identification.

## **PARKING YOUR VEHICLE.**

Use caution when you enter or leave a parking lot. Park in well lit areas where you can see and be seen by others. When getting in or out of your vehicle always be aware of what is going on around you.

When returning to your vehicle, approach with caution. Have your keys ready, glance underneath the vehicle and check the front and rear floors. If someone is loitering near your car, avoid them and walk to a place of safety such as a lighted store, house or other building. Call the police.

As in every situation, the foremost concern is your personal safety. If you are confronted by a carjacker, don't resist. Hand over your keys and step back from the assailant. Remember: a car can be replaced but your life cannot.



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