

## Protect Yourself from Credit Card Skimmers at Restaurants, Gas Stations, and RFID Readers

In our increasingly cashless society, credit card skimming has become a significant risk. Criminals use skimmers to capture card information at places like restaurants, gas stations, and through RFID readers. These illicit devices are designed to blend in with legitimate card readers, making them hard to detect.

At gas stations, inspect the card reader for anything unusual before inserting your card, use pumps near the attendant, or pay inside if unsure. In restaurants, keep your card in sight during transactions and regularly monitor your bank statements for unauthorized activity. To protect against RFID skimming, use RFID-blocking wallets and consider disabling the RFID function if you don't use it.

Enable transaction alerts with your bank and use credit cards over debit cards for better fraud protection. Always check card readers for tampering by giving them a gentle tug. If you encounter a suspicious reader, report it to the business and your card issuer immediately.

By staying vigilant and proactive, you can significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to credit card skimming. Protect your financial information by being aware of your surroundings and using the tools available to you. Stay safe and secure in your financial transactions!