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► ATMs and ATM Cards

Every year we hear about people who have been robbed or harmed while using an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). While many of these machines are monitored by video surveillance, do not assume that this means you are in a safe environment.

There are things that you can do to increase your safety when you are using an ATM.

1. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings, especially at night. If possible, park in a well-lit area and have someone accompany you.
2. Report suspicious people. If you notice anything unusual, cancel your transaction, pocket your card and leave immediately. Go to a safe place and call the police if you suspect dangerous or illegal activity.
3. Be prepared. To complete your transaction safely, fill out deposit forms and have your card ready before arriving at the ATM.
4. Put your card and case away immediately after your transaction. Count the cash later.
5. When using a drive-up ATM, remember to keep your doors locked, all other windows up and the car running.
6. Guard your ATM card as carefully as you do cash, checks and credit cards.
7. Keep Your Personal Identification Number (PIN) secret. Memorize your PIN and do not write it on your card or keep the number in your wallet.

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