

# ATM Awareness



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**Don't compromise your safety when using the ATM.**  
**Here are some safety tips to remember.**

- ✓ **360-degree ATM scan**—When using the ATM, go with a group. If possible, only use the ATM in the daytime. When using the ATM, scan your surroundings by using a 360-degree scan around the area. Always be on the lookout for anyone suspicious.
- ✓ **No fumbling**—Have your card ready when approaching the ATM. Fumbling through your purse or wallet can distract you from being aware of your surroundings.
- ✓ **Drive up carefully**—When using a drive-up ATM, lock your car doors, leave the engine running, and leave enough room to maneuver between your car and the one ahead of you in the drive-up line.
- ✓ **Be inconspicuous**—Do not make yourself noticeable by wearing expensive jewelry or clothing, or carrying expensive devices with you. Such behavior can be an added incentive to a criminal.
- ✓ **Count later**—Do not count your cash at the ATM. Wait until you are in your vehicle or another secure place.
- ✓ **Stay alert when leaving**—If you feel like you are being followed after leaving the ATM, drive to the nearest police or fire station, or to a well-lit crowded area.

For more information on ATM safety and other safety tips, log onto [www.ncpc.org/Smarter](http://www.ncpc.org/Smarter).



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