



## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

### **Skimming device used at Blackpool Bank today**

Skimming devices are sometimes used by criminals to obtain your bank card, PIN details and your money.

A false slot and hidden camera are the type of equipment of choice used by criminals, they attach them to Automatic Teller Machines (also known as 'cash/bank machines' or the 'hole in the wall').

One such device was put in place in 2013 at Marton Post Office on Preston New Road in 2013. ***A report has just been received today that another device may have been fitted at a bank machine at Oxford Square, Blackpool, which was used by a customer this morning just before 8am and her card would not come out of the slot. Not long after someone used her card illegally to withdraw cash at the Post Office close by.***

**If you are going to a cash machine:**

- Before putting your card in take a look to see if the front of the machine looks like it has been tampered with. If it does, *don't use it and report it to the bank as soon as possible;*
- Cover up your PIN number so that if there is a camera or a person close by watching you, your PIN number is hidden;
- If the machine takes your card and doesn't return it – **don't leave the machine**, phone the bank immediately if the number is there on the wall, or phone the Police on 101 and let them know what has happened.

**Don't let criminals steal your cards and cash – please warn others.**

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