



## **ATM Safety**

- When possible, use an ATM in a store, or ask for cash back after making a purchase.
- Try to avoid using an ATM alone. Either take someone with you or only use an ATM when others are around.
- If possible, avoid using an ATM after dark. If you must, choose one that is well lit and does not have tall bushes nearby.
- When you arrive at an ATM, look around. If you see anything that makes you uncomfortable or anyone who looks suspicious, do not stop. Either use an ATM at a different location or come back later. Notify police.
- Have your access card and any other documents you need ready when you approach an ATM. While you are fumbling with a wallet or purse, you are easy prey for a thief.
- If someone else is using the ATM, stay alert to your surroundings. Look up and around every few seconds while transacting your business.
- Protect your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not enter your PIN if anyone else can see the screen or keypad. Use your body to shield your PIN from onlookers. Don't give your PIN out to others. This is the leading cause of theft.
- When your transaction is finished, be sure you have your card and your receipt, and then leave immediately. Avoid counting or otherwise displaying large amounts of cash.
- As you leave, be aware of anything suspicious. If you think you are being followed, go to an area with a lot of people and call the police.