Skimmers are malicious card readers that illegally gather data from a credit or debit card’s magnetic stripe. They’re often attached to a real payment terminal and allow a scammer to steal personal financial and account information. **Gas pumps are a prime target!**

Skimmers can be placed externally over the real card reader or internally (harder to detect) if the thief has a key to get inside the machines.

**Warning Signs:**
- Poorly lit pumps farthest from the station/closest to the street
- Little or no video surveillance
- No tamper-resistant tape on the pumps
- Out-of-date pump inspections

**Investigate/report to local/state police:**
- Inspect the card reader – compare to other pumps. If it looks different, report it
- Wiggle it – if it’s loose, report it
- Look for broken or missing tamper-resistant tape
Who to contact if you find a **skimmer**...

**Potential victims should:**
- File a report with local/state police
- Contact their bank and credit card company about compromised cards
- Monitor their credit at AnnualCreditReport.com or by calling 1.877.322.8228

**Resources for Law Enforcement:**
- Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures Hotline: 1.877.837.8007 or online at www.pda.pa.gov/WeightandMeasureComplaint/
- Report incidents involving skimmers to the Pennsylvania Criminal Intelligence Center (PaCIC)

**Pump Inspectors should:**
- Notify the station owner and local/state police
- Enter incident into the bureau’s tracking system

**Additional resources:**
- PA Attorney General, Bureau of Consumer Protection attorneygeneral.gov or 1.800.441.2555
- Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov or 1.877.438.4338
- PA Department of Banking and Securities at dobs.pa.gov or 1.800.PA.BANKS