

BANKING AND ATM SAFETY TIPS



Be aware of your surroundings



Even when inside a bank, and at a teller window, it is possible that you are being watched. If you are taking out a large sum of cash, do your best to hide it from people around you and only count it while at the window. Ask for an envelope and put it away before leaving the window.

Protect your PIN and yourself

Shield the keypad, as well as the transaction screen from others. Avoid taking out large sums of cash from ATMs. Criminals will listen for the sound the ATM makes when dispensing cash and know if it is a large amount. When possible, avoid using an ATM late at night or in empty/secluded areas. When your transaction is done, leave the area immediately. Do not linger.



Check to see if you are being followed

It is rare, but sometimes criminals will watch a bank or ATM, waiting for someone to make a large withdrawal. They will then follow the victim away from the bank and rob them. You can mitigate this by watching your surroundings when leaving and if you see something odd, call the police or drive to a police station.



It is always important to be aware of your surroundings, but it is especially important when banking or dealing with large amounts of cash.

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL 310-675-4444