

# Card Security



## Key Points To Consider

- Limit the number of cards you carry
- Keep your PIN safe
- Use a different PIN for each card
- Keep a note of your card providers emergency number.
- Cover keypads when you use them
- Watch out for skimming devices

**Card security is important to stop thieves stealing your money and/or your identity. Suffolk Police have developed six simple steps to advise you on how to increase your card security and reduce the risk of identity theft:**

- Only carry the cards you intend to use. Leave any that are not used regularly in a secure place at home.
- Keep your card PINs (personal identification number) secure and if possible, don't store them anywhere. If you have to keep a record of your number, don't make the number obvious and do not keep it with your card in your purse/wallet, handbag, diary, mobile phone or handheld organizer.
- Always have a different PIN for each of your cards.
- Keep a note of your bank's lost/stolen emergency telephone number in case you need to report your card missing and add these numbers to your mobile phone in case you're away. Also include the international code.
- When using a chip and PIN device ensure you cover the keypad so other people cannot see the PIN.
- Guard against card skimming! Skimming occurs when someone passes your card through a small device which records all your card details. Skimming or cloning often occurs when the cardholder is not looking. Remember to always keep sight of your card, particularly in restaurants and insist you visit the counter to pay or have a member of staff to attend your table with a handheld machine.



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Sir Robert Peel created the Metropolitan Police in 1829. He set out nine principles for policing. The First Principle was:

**“To prevent crime and disorder, as an alternative to their repression by military force and severity of legal punishment.”**

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<http://www.soldsecure.com/>

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