

Building Trust and Security: Protecting Against EBT Theft

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What is Skimming?

- How does it work?
- Why does it work on EBT cards?
- How widespread is it?

Skimming Covers



Skimming covers

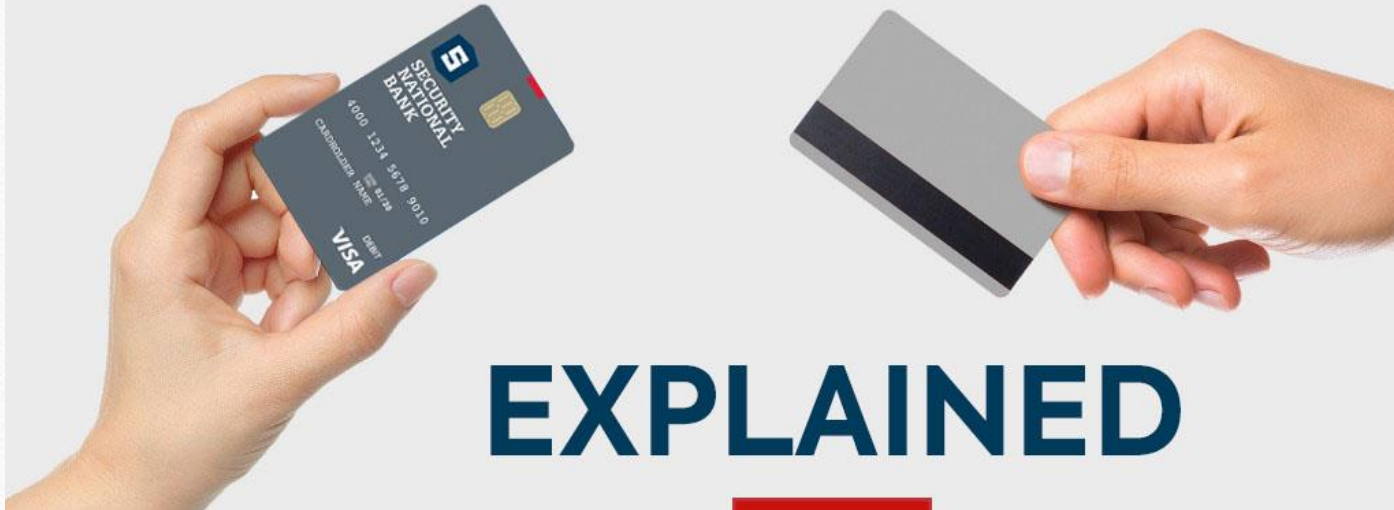


Why EBT Cards Are Vulnerable



Unprotected

CHIPS vs. **STRIPS**



How Widespread Is the Problem

March 2, 2023: Attorney General Kris Mayes announced the result of a six-month long joint investigation by the Organized Retail Theft Task Force. Local and state investigators seized more than 3,200 cans of baby formula, more than 1200 cloned Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards, skimming devices, and equipment used to manufacture fraudulent EBT cards. More than 2,700 individual victims lost over \$1.2 million in stolen SNAP benefits.

How Customers Can Protect Themselves

- Proactive Monitoring of Account
- Locking Account Usage
- Reporting Losses to DES

How Organizations Can Help Protect People

- Train Employees About Skimming
- What To Look For
- Post Signage

Options for Recovering Funds

- Federal and State Administrative Background
- Types of Funds that Can be Recovered
- Process for Recovering Funds

Advocacy Opportunity #1

- Contact Congress members to support the Fairness for Victims of SNAP Skimming Act

Advocacy Opportunity #2

- Contact DES to ask them to advocate with FNS for protections of all EBT funds, including Summer EBT

Advocacy Opportunity #3

- Submit Comments on Federal Interim Final Rule (IFR)
 - The IFR Establishes the Summer EBT Program and Rural Non-Congregate Option in the Summer Meal Programs
 - Comments should ask for Summer EBT funds to be recoverable if stolen