

Protect your store from Skimming!

What is Skimming?

Skimming is a type of theft. Thieves place an overlay on the store Point of Sale (POS) card machine to capture and copy EBT, credit, and/or debit card information. The thieves can use this captured information to create fake EBT, credit, or debit cards. These fake cards are called cloned cards. Cloned EBT cards are used to steal funds from the real accounts of the affected customers.

Card skimming can happen anywhere a card can be swiped for purchase. Below is an example of a type of overlay you may find in your store. These overlays can be placed on your equipment in only a few seconds.

Check your machines regularly for device overlays!

The overlay:

- May be slightly larger than the original device.
- May create a lip or edge around the side of the machine.
- The PIN pad buttons may be thinner than the original machine.



Device overlays are usually put in place with double-sided tape to adhere to the original machine. The skimming overlay can easily be removed by lifting the edges or corners, this will allow the overlay to separate from the original device.

Keep a record of when you check your machines for overlays or other skimming devices to help minimize the effect on your customers.

What to do if you discover an overlay on a machine that accepts EBT?

- Stop using the machine or remove the overlay immediately and preserve it as evidence.
- Contact DHSS Special Investigations Unit: 402-595-3789
- You may also wish to contact your local law enforcement for assistance.