



City of La Porte

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LPPD protect your credit/debit card from skimmers



Skimming Device Located and Seized by LPPD

The La Porte Police Department reminds citizens to consider a few things before using a credit or debit card at the fuel pumps and ATM. Take steps to protect yourself from those who chose to violate the law and prey on unsuspecting citizens.

One tactic used to steal credit and debit card information is the use of a card skimmer. These skimmers are becoming more sophisticated and harder to identify. To help protect yourself, the La Porte Police Department offers the following tips:

- Use a rechargeable credit card or gift card. Next best is using a regular (not rechargeable) credit card. Using a debit card should be the last option, as it is the least likely method to offer fraud protection or reimbursement.
- Choose a pump closest to and in view of the clerk.
- Look for signs of tampering to the pump or card reader security sticker.
- Monitor your financial accounts for unauthorized charges, especially after paying at the pump.
- Report damages to the store clerk and notify local law enforcement.
- Report unauthorized charges to your financial institution and local law enforcement.

The La Porte Police Department remains committed to aiding and assisting all of its community members. For more crime prevention tips, please contact the La Porte Police Department at 281-471-2141, or log onto the agency's website at LaPorteTX.gov/Fraud