

## PROTECT YOURSELF AT THE ATM

**AVOID** using an ATM while alone. Take someone with you or use when others are around.

**AVOID** using an ATM after dark. If you must, choose one that is well lighted and does not have tall bushes nearby.

**ALWAYS** look at the surroundings when arriving at the ATM. Do not stop if you see anything that makes you uncomfortable or anyone who looks suspicious. Use an ATM at a different location or come back later, and notify the authorities.

**ALWAYS** have your access card and other documents needed ready when you approach an ATM. While you are fumbling with a wallet or purse, you are easy game for a thief.

**AVOID** standing right behind someone else that is using the ATM. Allow them enough space to conduct their transaction in privacy.

**BE ALERT** to your surroundings while using the ATM. Look up and around every few seconds while transacting your business.

**AVOID** counting or otherwise displaying large amounts of cash.

**PROTECT** your Personal Identification Number (PIN). Do not enter your PIN if anyone else can see the screen. Shield your PIN from onlookers by using your body.

**ALWAYS** be sure you have your card and receipt when your transaction is finished. Then leave immediately.

**BE ALERT** as you leave. Look for anything or anyone who appears suspicious. If you think you are being followed, go to an area with people and call the police.