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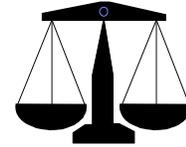
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Beware of Credit Card Skimmers at the Pump

Livingston County, along with other areas, is experiencing an increased number of credit cards skimmers on gas pumps intended to steal your credit card information. While skimmers can be encountered at other places, gas station fuel pumps are especially prone to being compromised. Livingston County Weights and Measures, a program of the Health Department, strives to ensure price verification for consumers, but cannot enforce sound security measures at places of retail.

Here are some ways you can protect yourself from having your credit card information stolen:

- Although it may be inconvenient at times, pay inside the store when using your credit card at the fuel pump.
- Consider choosing fueling locations that have adequate lighting and visibility, particularly after hours. Thieves look for easy targets when installing skimmers.
- Pay attention to signs that a credit card swiper/keypad or fuel pump enclosure has been tampered with. Loose parts or signs of forced entry may be a red flag.
- Consider the credit card you're using. Cards that have chip technology can be more secure and some retailers offer store specific credit cards that cannot be used for other purchases and may have cost incentives for purchases.
- Monitor your credit card activity online if possible and consider setting up alerts for unusual purchases.

By using these strategies you may avoid an unauthorized credit card charge. For questions or concerns, please call the Livingston County Department of Health – Center for Environmental Health at (585)243-7280.