IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SNAP BENEFITS:



Did you know your EBT benefits could be stolen through a method called "card skimming"?

Theft of SNAP benefits through skimming is not only happening, but it is also on the rise. With so many SNAP transactions taking place daily with the outdated technology of a swipe card, households with the lowest incomes have become one of the biggest targets for criminals. To date, at least 195,000 U.S. households have had over $94.7 million in SNAP benefits stolen from them by criminals who have installed devices on point-of-sale (POS) systems at SNAP participating locations that steal the EBT card data and PIN. This allows the criminal to clone the card and drain the benefits balance.

Card skimming directly copies card and PIN information from EBT cardholders using a device (skimmers) placed on top of a store's card reading machine. The stolen data is used to access your EBT account and spend your SNAP and TCA cash benefits. Skimming can happen anywhere you swipe your EBT card, including ATMs.

If your benefits are electronically stolen from your EBT card, through skimming, you may be able to get your benefits reimbursed.

To protect yourself, check your balance often, change your PIN, and report any theft to the Department of Children and Families within 90 days.

For easy tracking of your benefits, download the free ebtEDGE mobile app.

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