

Visa and MasterCard Security Tips for Debit Cards

Visa® and MasterCard® note that being proactive and reacting quickly can help your cardholder avoid being a victim of fraud or identity theft.

Self-Protection Tips

- Sign the signature panel of the card. Not only is a signed card more protected from fraud, it is required by both Visa and MasterCard.
- Choose a PIN that is unique and secret.
- Memorize the PIN. Do not tell anyone your PIN or account number and never loan anyone your card.
- Record and safely file the name of your card's issuer and the necessary phone numbers for reporting it lost or stolen.

ID Theft Tips

- Check his or her paper statement immediately upon receipt and monitor account activity more frequently online, if possible.
- Keep financial information secure, preventing access to family members, friends and neighbors.
- Shred financial information before discarding.