

As we move towards a cashless society, the use of debit and credit cards over cash is common place.

Your cards hold highly personal information that, if not safeguarded, can be copied or stolen. This could allow criminals to access your funds or identification.

Here are some simple steps we can all take to help protect our card information from this type of crime.

Protect your card

- **DON'T** lose sight of your debit and credit cards.
- **INSIST** the transaction be done in front of you.

Protect your PIN

- **DON'T** share your PIN with anyone.
- **COVER** your hand when entering your PIN.
- **CHANGE** your PIN regularly.

Protect your account

- **REQUEST** registered mail or pick up from the branch for replacement cards and PIN information.
- **SECURELY** dispose of banking information, bills and expired/unwanted cards preferably by shredding all documents.
- **ALWAYS** check your financial statements against your purchases. If you see something that doesn't look right, contact your financial institution immediately.

Protect your card online

- **USE** recommended electronic payment enablers when buying online.
- INSTALL and maintain anti-virus/anti-malware software on your devices.

If you believe you have been a victim to a cyber related offence – report it immediately on ${\bf www.acorn.gov.au}$

For more crime prevention information visit us on www.police.nsw.gov.au













