skimming Lange

(It's a crime and you can stop it!)

What is skimming?

Skimming is an illegal act that helps criminals obtain credit card account information to produce counterfeit cards.

How does skimming work?

Typically, someone in a workplace uses a small device to steal information from a credit card's magnetic stripe. That information is put onto a counterfeit card and used to make fraudulent purchases.

It's your job to keep your customers' credit card information secure. Skimming is just one trick criminals use to illegally obtain credit card information.

Be on the lookout for skimming activity.

If in your workplace:

- You see anyone using a device that is not part of your day-to-day activities
- Anyone offers you money to record account information
- Anyone asks for customer account information over the telephone

CALL your Merchant Processing Center or Company Security and let them know IMMEDIATELY.

What does a skimming device look like?

Skimming devices record and store credit card account information. Most skimming devices are small and portable – not much bigger than a pager.



VISA will pay a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the manufacture or use of counterfeit cards.