

Police Warn Public After Card Skimming Devices Recovered



Police in Edinburgh are urging the public to remain vigilant after several card skimming devices were recovered from cash machines in the South of the city.

Between 2nd April and 19th May, officers received numerous reports of suspicious equipment attached to ATMs in the Newtown, Bruntsfield, Marchmont and Morningside areas.

As a result, police seized devices from dispensers in Clerk Street, Marchmont Road, Comiston Road, Bruntsfield Place and Morningside Road.

Five people, who recently used these machines, then reported having three-figure sums of cash removed from their bank accounts and police are continuing to investigate whether others have been affected.

Officers are now urging those who use ATMs to look out for suspicious devices or activity around the machine and report any concerns to police.

PC Carol Menzies said: "Thanks to the vigilance of members of our community, these devices have since been recovered and our enquiries are on-going to determine where they came from and who fitted them to the ATMs.

"Unfortunately, a few people have fallen victim to card skimming, resulting in sums of cash being taken from their accounts.

"The public are urged to be on their guard for unusual looking equipment attached to cash machines, or anyone acting suspiciously in the nearby area.

“If you have concerns about a cash machine, do not use it and contact police immediately.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101 or alternatively, the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.