

PROJECT: TO TAP OR NOT TO TAP

In an age where convenience often trumps caution, pausing and considering the potential risks lurking behind seemingly innocuous actions is crucial. As highlighted by security expert Mr Mike Bolhuis, one such action is handing over your debit or credit card to shopkeepers during transactions.

The convenience of tapping a card for payment has undoubtedly revolutionised how we handle our finances. However, this ease of use comes with vulnerabilities, particularly concerning the security of our sensitive card information.

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- Specialised Security Services emphasises a critical point: when you hand over your card to a shopkeeper, you unwittingly expose crucial details, including the CCV number on the back of your card.
- With access to your card number and other pertinent account details, nefarious individuals can easily perpetrate fraudulent activities.
- Adding another layer of concern is the prevalence of surveillance cameras at cash points.
 - These cameras, often installed for security purposes, can inadvertently capture your PIN as you input it during transactions.
 - This opens the door to unauthorised access to your funds, further amplifying the risks associated with traditional card transactions.
- In light of these potential threats, we strongly recommend a more secure approach: activating the tap option on your card while ensuring that you always input a PIN for verification.
 - This simple yet effective measure adds a barrier against unauthorised access, significantly reducing the likelihood of falling victim to fraud.
- However, even with the tap option, vigilance remains paramount.
 - When entering your PIN, exercise caution and be mindful of your surroundings.
- Instances abound where thieves have deployed sophisticated tactics, including pre-programmed devices and malicious software, to intercept card information and pilfer funds from unsuspecting individuals.
- In essence, the choice to tap or not to tap extends beyond mere convenience it is a decision with far-reaching implications for your financial security.
- By heeding our warning and adopting proactive measures to safeguard your card information, you can navigate the modern landscape of digital transactions with confidence and peace of mind.

In conclusion, let us tread cautiously in card payments, recognising the inherent risks and taking proactive steps to mitigate them.

After all, in the age of rapid technological advancement, vigilance remains our most potent defence against cybercriminals' ever-evolving tactics.

RELEVANT NEWS ARTICLES:

- <u>https://mg.co.za/article/2010-11-15-card-frauds-increased-by-100/</u>
- https://www.absa.co.za/self-service/safety-security/creditcard-safety-tips/
- <u>https://www.marisit.co.za/credit-debit-card-fraud-are-you-at-risk/</u>

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