ATM Safety Tips

1. Pay close attention to the ATM and your surroundings. Don't select an ATM at the corner of a building. Corners create a blind spot. Use an ATM located near the center of a building. Choose a well lighted location free to shrubbery and decorative dividers.

2. Be aware of your surrounding throughout the transaction. Be wary of anyone offering help or of anyone sitting in a parked car nearby. When leaving an ATM, make sure you are not being followed. If you are, drive immediately to a police station, fire station or crowded location.

3. Do not use an ATM that appears unusual looking or offers unfamiliar options.

4. Do not let people look over your shoulder as you enter your PIN. Memorize it. Never write it on the back of your card. Do not re-enter your PIN if the ATM keeps your card. Instead, contact your credit union.

5. Do not wear expensive jewelry or take other valuables to the ATM.

6. Never count cash at the machine or in public. Wait until you are in a secure place.

7. When using a drive-up ATM, keep your engine running, your doors locked and leave enough room to maneuver between your car and the one ahead of you in the drive up line.

8. Maintain a supply of deposit envelopes at home or in you car. Prepare all transaction paperwork prior to your arrival at the ATM. This will minimize your time at the ATM.

9. Closely monitor your statements and immediately report problems to your credit union.

10. If an assailant demands your money – comply. No life is worth any amount of money.