

## Cybersecurity Corner

Gift cards are a popular option for presents. People even add them to their wedding or baby shower registries. You can buy them at almost any store and there are countless choices. Unfortunately, scammers know they are a popular option too. They will tamper with gift cards on display and steal the card numbers and pins. Then they wait for money to be loaded on the card and spend it before you can. Below are tips to avoid gift card tampering.

- **Check for physical signs of tampering.** If it looks like someone removed stickers or scratched off the back, tell a manager. Scammers may tamper with cards in batches, so consider going to a different store.
- **Pay by credit card if possible.** You get more protection this way. If you run into problems with a gift card you can file a chargeback and may get your money back.
- **Keep copies of the gift card and store receipts** If your gift card doesn't work the receipts will help you when reporting to the gift card company. You can also **report fraud** to the FTC.



For more information from the Federal Trade Commission regarding gift card tampering click below.

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