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ATM Machines

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True or False? When withdrawing money from an ATM machine, if someone tries to rob you, should you enter your PIN number in reverse to alert police to your emergency situation? The answer is **FALSE**.

This story has been circulating for years and is giving people a false sense of security. This concept was suggested by a police officer but there were too many glitches to make the idea materialize.

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However, there are steps you can take to avoid being a victim of an ATM robbery:

**CHILD SUPPORT
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1. Have your ATM card ready so you can get your cash and leave quickly.
2. Be aware of your surroundings and avoid ATM machines at night. If you are using an ATM during the day and feel something is not right, trust your instincts and drive away.
3. Keep your doors locked and have your phone ready in case you need to dial 911.
5. Check your mirrors often while waiting for your money in case someone is sneaking up to or around your car.
6. Only use walk-up ATM's during the day but still be cautious and pay attention to your surroundings.

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Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you.