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## »» 10 Tips for safeguarding your financial security

Using credit and debit cards is the most convenient way to pay for goods and services—in person, over the phone, by mail, or on the Internet—and also one of the safest and most secure. MasterCard's zero-liability policy protects you if fraudulent charges are made to your card accounts. But to keep the power of your credit and debit cards from falling into the wrong hands in the first place, here are some simple, common-sense things you can do.

1. Treat your credit and debit cards like your house keys: Don't let them out of your sight.
2. Never write your PIN on your card.
3. Never dispose of card receipts in a public place.
4. Pick a PIN that isn't obvious to others, and never write it on—or attach it to—your card.
5. Cancel any inactive credit accounts.
6. Never give out card numbers to unsolicited callers.
7. Check for security icons on a business's Web site before keying in your account number to ensure your transaction is secure.
8. Know that banks and other legitimate businesses never ask for passwords, account numbers or updated information via email. Never click on a link in a suspicious e-mail.
9. Keep information about all your cards—including account numbers, expiration dates, and card issuers' telephone numbers—in a safe place at home so you can act quickly if a card is ever lost or stolen.
10. Destroy any documents that might have account numbers or other personal information.

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