

Press release



card-security.ch: Secure contactless payment – a new leaflet gives the facts

Contactless payment is becoming increasingly important, especially now, in the age of corona. Contactless payment also means payment free of viruses. The police have now issued a new information leaflet with handy tips on safe contactless payment via the [card-security.ch](https://www.card-security.ch) platform.

Zurich, 23 March 2020 – Contactless payment generally allows users to make purchases of up to 40 Swiss francs using a debit or credit card without entering their PIN. This method of payment is at present greatly welcomed by many people. According to Mark Witschi, section head of Vaccination Recommendations and Control Measures at Switzerland's Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), viruses can survive for periods of up to 17 days on cash. With contactless payment on the other hand, transmission of viruses can be kept to a minimum. This means better protection, particularly including for persons in high-risk groups, who should now only be leaving the house on essential errands.

How secure is contactless payment?

Contactless payment is a secure and simple method of payment. Here too however, certain rules must be observed to prevent card misuse. This is why the police have now issued a new leaflet via [card-security.ch](https://www.card-security.ch), describing the key points to note for contactless payment.

What must be remembered with contactless payment?

Whether a card is designed for contactless payment is indicated by the four radio waves pictured on the card. Such cards also have a chip. If lost, a thief could carry out several small transactions in a very short space of time. This makes it all the more important to always keep cards in a safe place and to have them immediately cancelled when lost or stolen. Another precaution that is recommended here is to check the amount shown on the display each time. People often neglect to do so, particularly with small amounts.

You can find other tips in Card Security's new information leaflet at [card-security.ch](https://www.card-security.ch). It is also available from the police.

For more information, go to: www.card-security.ch

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