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Subject: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [Pioneer](#) on Fri, 10 Oct 2014 20:47:46 GMT  
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So many big name stores have been hacked by identity thieves in the past year or so. Home Depot was one of the last ones I heard about, and now I'm hearing that Dairy Queen has been targeted. I read an article online today that said about 400 of their stores have been affected so far. Are our cards not really safe anywhere anymore? Should we go back to paying with cash? I've already had my stuff stolen once; I definitely don't want it to happen again!!

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Subject: Re: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 10 Oct 2014 21:58:51 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sun, 12 Oct 2014 16:29:23 GMT  
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Maybe if we instituted the death penalty for hacking it would slow it down. Also allow hit men to go after hackers not in the US. A bounty system might work.

Better still less reliance on plastic money.

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Subject: Re: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [Nymeria](#) on Mon, 13 Oct 2014 13:57:33 GMT  
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That's a good point, Wayne. No system is hacker-proof, but an inside job is easier by far.

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I generally use my debit card for purchases but since it's been potentially compromised twice in the past 12 months, I think I'm going to use my credit card now.

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Subject: Re: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [timron](#) on Tue, 14 Oct 2014 00:39:22 GMT  
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It's not comforting at all to think that many of these so-called "hack" jobs might actually be inside jobs! That means there's pretty much nothing that can be done to protect your credit or debit card. I had my card hacked earlier this year, all of my money stolen, and then the whole account over-drafted by several hundred dollars. I got the money back, but not before it made most of my bills that month late. Now I only use my debit card at my bank's ATM machine; everywhere else, I just pay with cash.

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Subject: Re: Big name stores being hacked  
Posted by [gofar99](#) on Thu, 16 Oct 2014 02:01:39 GMT  
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I am considering the barter method. I have twice replaced my debit card this year so far because of hacks at places I had shopped. I have two free account watchers now from the companies.

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