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Target: PIN data was taken in breach

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[Target Corp.](#) says it has confirmed that debit card PIN data was taken during [a recent breach](#), but reiterated that it is confident that debit accounts haven't been compromised because the PIN numbers are strongly encrypted.

Spokeswoman [Molly Snyder](#) said the data was encrypted using what is known as Triple DES.

"Target does not have access to nor does it store the encryption key within our system. The PIN information is encrypted within [Target's](#) systems and can only be decrypted when it is received by our external, independent payment processor," Snyder wrote. "What this means is that the 'key' necessary to decrypt that data has never existed within Target's system and could not have been taken during this incident."